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Dear Parents & Guardians,

Welcome to the 2009-10 school year! Now that we are all back into the daily routine of school, I would like to provide you with an update regarding how District 7 is preparing for the H1N1 virus (swine flu) this fall and winter.

The District 7 administration will continue to work closely with the DuPage County Health Department to ensure the health of our children. Several weeks ago our District nurse, Mrs. Malec, and I attended a meeting hosted by the Health Department regarding how schools should plan for the H1N1 virus. We have subsequently met with our school principals and custodial staff to follow-up on the recommendations of the Health Department. Our plan is proactive and will focus on preventing the spread of all germs, including the H1N1 virus. We will continue to encourage our students and staff to practice good hygiene habits. Additionally, we will be stepping up the cleaning of surfaces in the schools which students and staff frequently touch throughout the day (i.e. desk tops, water fountains, door knobs and countertops).

The Health Department is requiring that all school districts report their daily attendance numbers so that they can monitor any spread of the virus throughout the County. Furthermore, depending upon the availability of a vaccination, the Health Department has tentative plans to set-up vaccination clinics in every school in the County to offer free H1N1 vaccinations to students. Should this occur, we will send out more information regarding the vaccination clinics as soon as it becomes available.

The Health Department is continuously updating information regarding the H1N1 virus. Please see the reverse side of this letter for the most recent information from the Health Department that is addressed to families and schools. Please visit our website (www.wd7.org) for links to the Health Department and the Center for Disease Control (CDC) that will provide further information regarding the H1N1 virus.

I would like to thank you for your continued cooperation and support as we work together to ensure the health of our children. I am confident that by working together we can minimize the impact of this virus on our school community.

Sincerely,

John W. Corbett, Ed. D.
Superintendent