Parents,

As you know, there is much concern in the community and around the world about the H1N1 flu and the possible impact it may have in our area. In an effort to protect the health of all our students and staff, it is more important than ever to be diligent in monitoring the health of your children and to abide by the attendance policies as stated in the Student Handbook.

Please keep your child home if he/she is showing flu-like symptoms or has a fever of 100.4 degrees or more. Please keep your child home until all symptoms of illness have subsided and his temperature has been below 99 degrees without the use of fever-reducing medication for at least 24 hours. If a student becomes ill at school, you will be contacted to pick him up as soon as possible and to keep him at home until the above criteria have been met.

Though it may be tempting to mask a fever with Advil or Tylenol so that your child may return to school, we implore you not to do so; doing that will expose more individuals to illness and lengthen the timeframe in which health, academics, and extra-curricular activities are impacted. (Originally the CDC recommended that students must stay home for at least 7 days following the onset of symptoms; if the community does not take all necessary precautions to prevent the spread of disease, the Health Department could decide to institute the above as required policy.)

Thank you so much for your assistance in helping to protect ALL of the members of the Dulles family. Should you have any questions, please contact the school nurse.

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