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Dear Parent/Guardian:

On the evening of Thursday June 18, 2009 I was informed by Laurie Hunter, Principal of Assawompset Elementary School, that a student tested positive for the H1N1 virus. The child's first day of absence was June 17, 2009. We have since been in consultation with members of the Board of Health in Lakeville and through them to the Department of Public Health and a State epidemiologist at the Hinton State Laboratory.


A one call has gone out to the Parents/Guardians of Assawompset students informing them of the situation.

The School Department is now cleaning the school with disinfectant and will do so over the weekend. The bus company was informed as well and has also taken steps to clean all surfaces in their busses and the bus used by the child mentioned above has been pulled from use for a thorough cleaning.

Currently, State and Local public health officials continue to advise that students can and should continue to come to school as long as they are not sick and do not have flu symptoms. This letter serves to inform the community that this matter has been addressed according to the protocols put in place by the Center for Disease Control and Massachusetts Department of Public Health.

I will continue to receive updates from local and state authorities concerning this case and will follow all protocols set forth regarding the H1N1 issue. I have posted this letter as well as information fact sheets from the State on our website for your convenience.

I have also enclosed the latest information from the Department of Public Health for your future reference.


Louis E. Rodrigues
Superintendent of Schools