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Dear Parents/Guardians,

As many of you are aware, cold and flu season is upon us. Recent news reports suggest that the H1N1 flu virus has made its way to Michigan and has affected children, adults and senior citizens in many communities.

Van Dyke Public Schools continues to take proactive measures in making sure that your student's building is cleaned and disinfected on a daily basis. In the event that a student or staff member is diagnosed with the H1N1 virus, several cleaning procedures are enforced, such as disinfecting the classroom of the infected student and/or staff member, cleaning and sanitizing common areas and hard surfaces throughout the building and spraying high touch areas such as door handles and light switches.

Van Dyke has been working in cooperation with the Macomb County Health Department and at this time, the Health Department does not recommend that school districts notify parents each time there is a reported case of H1N1 in a school building. Once the flu season hits full swing, school districts could possibly be sending home letters on a daily basis.

Currently, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention does not suggest that schools automatically close for seasonal, H1N1 or any other type of flu. If too many students or staff members are out, making instruction impossible, a local decision would have to be made whether or not to close schools.

You and your student can help minimize the possibility of transmitting this or any other flu virus by taking the simple measures of getting enough sleep, drinking plenty of water, washing hands frequently, not sharing water bottles or utensils, covering your mouth when coughing and reducing contact with people who are sick.

More information about the flu can be found at the Macomb Intermediate Schools District website at www.misd.net, on the Van Dyke website at www.vdps.net, or by calling the Macomb County Health Department at (586) 466-7923.

PLEASE NOTE: The Van Dyke Public Schools H1N1 vaccination clinic scheduled for Saturday, November 14, has been **CANCELLED** by the Macomb County Health Department, due to an inadequate supply of the vaccine. The Health Department will continue to evaluate the possibility of rescheduling some of the school-located clinics during the month of December dependent upon vaccine availability. Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause you and your family.

Sincerely,



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