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Dear Parents/Guardians,

In light of the recent concern regarding swine flu, please be advised that District 89 is taking preventive measures to ensure that each building in District 89 remains safe for our students.

Swine Influenza (swine flu) is a respiratory disease of pigs caused by a type A influenza viruses that cause regular outbreaks in pigs. People do not normally get swine flu, but human infection can and do happen.

The symptoms of swine flu in people are similar to the symptoms of regular human flu and include fever, cough, sore throat, body aches, headache, chills and fatigue. Some people have reported diarrhea and vomiting associated with swine flu. If you notice these symptoms in your child, or they come into contact with someone with these symptoms, please contact your doctor immediately. If your doctor diagnosis your child with swine flu please contact the school as soon as possible.

The spread of swine flu can be prevented by practicing good hygiene. Parents please remind your children to keep their hands clean by thoroughly washing with soap and water. District 89 is taking every precaution to make sure that the schools are sanitized daily. Also, each teacher will have hand sanitizer available for the student to use in the classroom as well as in the lunchroom.

If you have any questions or desire further information about swine flu, please contact the Cook County Department of Public Health at 708/492-2150 or www.cookcountypublichealth.org.

Sincerely,

Thea Perkins, Ed.S.
Superintendent

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