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Dear Parents/Guardians:

After seeking guidance from the Health Department and other sources at the state level, we will handle student reports of flu symptoms in the following manner.

For a residential student who exhibits upper respiratory symptoms, he will be sent to the school nurse and monitored in accordance with the direction of our school physician. If your son exhibits symptoms while at school, you will be notified. If your son exhibits upper respiratory symptoms while at home, ***please do not return him to the residential campus; but rather seek medical attention from your physician.*** Please notify the school nurse immediately.

A day student that arrives to school and exhibits upper respiratory symptoms will be asked about recent travel history, referred to their private physician, and sent home. Their doctor may treat them with antiviral drugs and send a sample test for Swine Influenza A to the New Jersey State Laboratory. For those students who are not in school but have reported their absence as due to upper respiratory symptoms, the school nurse will attempt to find out if they traveled to Mexico or other areas affected by the swine flu.

We would ask that you speak with your child regarding steps they can do to protect themselves from contracting or spreading this (and any other) flu virus, including frequent hand washing, coughing into their sleeve, etc. The school district has educational information and materials on its website (www.somerset hills.org) that you may want to share with your child when home or during phone conversations. The staff will certainly share this information as well.

A fact sheet about swine flu that we received from Warren's Health Officer is enclosed for your review. We will continue to carefully monitor this issue, and will provide any additional guidance we may receive in the coming days.

Sincerely,

Maria Torres

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Principal

enc. (4/28/09 update from the Middle-Brook Regional Health Commission)