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Dear Parent/Guardian:

On the afternoon of Friday June 5, 2009, I was informed by our school lead nurse, Denise Valois who was informed by the Fairhaven Board of Health, that a student at the Hastings Middle School had tested positive for the H1N1 Virus.

On Sunday June 7, I received a copy of a letter from the student's physician that was dated June 5, 2009. The physician's letter stated that upon consultation with a State epidemiologist at the Hinton State Laboratory, the protocol followed by the physician and student was in compliance with infection control recommendations.

The student was out of school for seven days and the student was symptom free for 48 hours prior to a return to school. As a result of the physician's communication that stated adherence to the State approved protocol, and the fact that the child was symptom free, the child was allowed to return to school on June 5, 2009.

On Monday June 8, 2009, I met with Denise Valois (Fairhaven Public Schools Lead Nurse), Lisa Russell (Town of Fairhaven Public Health Nurse), and Patricia Fowle (Town of Fairhaven Health Agent) to review our adherence to the protocol of this specific matter. This letter serves to inform the community that this matter has been addressed according to the Center for Disease Control and Massachusetts Department of Public Health protocol.

I continue to receive updates from our lead nurse regarding H1N1 protocol. I am extremely confident that our nursing staff continues to follow all protocols set forth regarding the H1N1 issue and all health issues. Our number one priority will always be for the safety and well-being of all members of our school-community.

Sincerely yours,

Robert Baldwin Ed.D.
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