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Wednesday, May 06, 2009

Dear Parents & Staff,

Greetings & Peace be Upon you All,

The Center for Disease Controls (CDC), released a statement modifying the guidelines for school closures due to H1N1 Virus (Swine Flu) outbreak. The CDC is no longer recommending that schools and childcare facilities with lab-confirmed H1N1 cases, adopt school closing measures. Initially, the severity of the disease was unknown, and the CDC recommended schools with probable and/or confirmed cases of the H1N1 flu to be closed. The new data available to CDC indicates that the flu caused by H1N1 virus, is very similar in its severity, symptoms and pattern of spread to that of the seasonal flu. Although more cases of the disease are expected to be detected across the United States in the coming weeks, the symptoms remain mild and non-life threatening for the majority of the population. Just like with the seasonal flu, children younger than 5, elderly, and individuals with suppressed immune systems are at a higher risk of developing complications from the virus.

Based on this new information, and consistent with the CDC, and the Michigan Department of Education (MDE), **we will not be closing the schools in the case of a suspected and/or confirmed case of H1N1 virus.** We will instead follow CDC and MDE's recommendations, by asking parents to keep kids with flu symptoms at home for at least seven days even if the flu symptoms resolve before then. We also remind our staff, parents and students to continue taking precautionary measures, including covering the nose and mouth with a tissue when coughing or sneezing (or coughing or sneezing into their sleeve if a tissue isn't available), frequently washing hands with soap and water, or using hand sanitizer if hand washing with soap and water is not possible.

Even though, we do not have any cases of suspected or confirmed H1N1 infection at any of our academies, we will continue to monitor the situation closely, and we will keep you updated on any development.. Best wishes for good health and safety to all of you & your families.

Sincerely,

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Thursday, April 30, 2009

Dear Parents & Guardians,

Greetings & Peace be Upon you All,

We have been receiving many calls from concerned parents in regards to the issue of Swine Flu. While we realize that the recent news of Swine Flu outbreak in the United States is a cause of worry to parents, we urge you to remain calm as there is no need for alarm and panic.

We assure you that there have been no cases of Swine Flu at any of our academies; nor do we have any suspected cases. We believe that students can safely attend school as usual and therefore our schools will remain open. However, should we at any time have the slightest reason to suspect a case at one of our schools, all parents will be notified immediately, and the school will be closed until further notice. In such case, we will follow the customary procedures to close our school, by announcing the school closing on the school website, TV Channels 2, 4 & 7, and on WJR.

Providing a healthy environment for our student is very important to us and we always follow good sanitary & hygiene guidelines throughout our buildings. In the light of the recent developments with the Swine Flu, we are taking additional measures and precautions to protect the health of our staff and students. We will be providing extra sanitization of our buildings at least twice a week, and we will continue to maintain the highest standards of hygiene throughout the school day. We also urge you to take all the necessary safety measures to protect yourselves & family. Please read the attached information to learn more about Swine Flu Virus, and the recommended precautions to prevent the spread of the virus.

Please be assured that our administration is monitoring this issue closely, and we will keep you updated on any new developments. We hope that all our students and their families will remain in the best of health always.

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