

SUPERINTENDENT'S NEWSLETTER TO PARENTS, MAY 2009

H1N1 Flu Influenza

District 89 has been closely following information from the DuPage County Health Department, Illinois Department of Public Health, and the Center for Disease Control regarding the H1N1 (swine) flu influenza. As of this writing, we have no “suspect” or “probable” cases of H1N1 flu influenza. School nurses are checking all children who have symptoms. Information about this influenza has been posted on our web site. It is important to remain calm, be informed with accurate information, and be prepared.

Should we have a “suspect” or “probable” case, the school district will follow advice from the DuPage County Health Department. Schools are monitoring absentee rates, and those who are home sick are being contacted to inquire about symptoms. High touch areas inside the school are being thoroughly cleaned. Hand sanitizers are also available in each classroom. We are prepared to close a school(s) if necessary based on directions from the DuPage County Health Department. How long the school would remain closed is determined in conjunction with county health officials. If the need arises, this information will be communicated to you via our normal emergency communications. Check the DuPage County Health Department web site at www.dupagehealth.org for updated information.

Community Forum

Approximately 80 residents attended the **Community Forum** on April 21, 2009. Information from this forum is posted on the front page of our web site, including the input received from attendees. The Board of Education will review this information along with other financial considerations at a special meeting on May 2, 2009. *No decisions have been made at this time.* We encourage those with questions to contact your building principal, follow the web site for information, or contact our offices. While rumors can abound, it is best to speak with someone who can provide you with accurate information for the benefit of all. We would be pleased to speak with you about your questions or concerns. Thank you to those who attended the forum and provided input.

Student Count Information

Plans are underway with the assistance of PTCs to conduct a residential student count for those children ages 0 – 5. This will be accomplished through neighborhood audits of known households with children and providing mail return postcards at residences. The process is scheduled to be completed by May 26. Please be alerted to this effort in your neighborhood. We thank you for your assistance in this data collection, as it will hopefully help us in forecasting enrollments.

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Class Assignments and Class Size

With student pre-registration being completed today, staffing procedures will begin and continue through the start of school in September. Pending student registration, staff changes, and other student needs, final class section decisions are not complete until mid-August. Building principals monitor these counts as students leave the schools and new enrollments enter. These numbers change during summer months. District 89 enrollments have been declining by approximately 40 students per year, and we anticipate further reductions in student counts for the fall. Along with budget limits and fewer students, schools will be capping and closing class sizes at their maximums. Newly enrolled students may be subject to relocation to another school in District 89 with open class space.

The school district uses the following class size ranges as a guide in determining class sections:

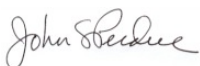
Kindergarten	17 - 25
Grade 1	17 - 26
Grade 2	18 - 27
Grade 3	18 - 27
Grade 4	20 - 29
Grade 5	20 - 29

End of Year Events

The **8th grade Awards Assembly** will occur on Friday afternoon, June 5, 2009, and the **8th Grade Achievement Ceremony** will be held Tuesday evening, June 9, 2009. And, the **last day of school** for all students will be Wednesday, June 10, 2009.

Thank you for supporting *Learning for Life* in District 89.

Sincerely,



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