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Dear Parents,

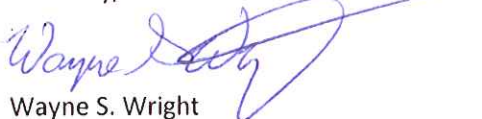
As you are aware we have suffered the tragic loss of two individuals in the community to a condition described as "flu like symptoms". Currently we are unaware of any connection between the two individuals, a parent and a student, and whether there were other complications associated in these two unfortunate deaths. The health department will be reviewing the causes of the deaths of the two individuals.

Annually the health department has reported over 30,000 people die from the flu. Many times these deaths are in conjunction with some other health condition. The health department advises the need to watch for symptoms of the flu. These symptoms include *fever (usually high-100°F or more), headache, extreme tiredness, dry cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, and muscle aches*. Symptoms of the stomach and intestines, like nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea, are sometimes referred to as "stomach flu", but that illness is very different from true influenza. A doctor's examination may be needed to determine the illness and whether a person has another infection that is a complication from influenza.

Student absences have been monitored for the last month as some districts in Genesee County have had a high rate of student illness. The absence of students at Lake Fenton Schools due to illness has not been abnormally high, but we will continue to monitor the absence rate. We encourage parents, if their child exhibits the symptoms of flu, to keep them home and if warranted, seek medical attention. Parents may want to consider having their children vaccinated with the flu vaccine. Information regarding flu vaccination clinics is available in the Flu Vaccine Finder at www.flu.gov.

I have had some parents express concern regarding the environment of the school and the District's plan of action for maintaining student wellness. All buildings are continuing to monitor illnesses of students and staff and are reporting those illnesses to the health department. If students come to school and do not feel well, parents will be contacted and asked to come and take their child home. We do feel we have a very safe environment at school and your children are protected. If you have any concerns feel free to contact the building principal or myself either by e-mail or phone.

Sincerely,



Wayne S. Wright
Superintendent

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