



April 30, 2009

Memorandum

To: Parents, Students and Employees of Montgomery Public Schools

From: Clay Slagle, Interim Superintendent

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Clay".

RE: Swine Flu

I know many of you are concerned about media reports concerning Swine flu cases and the possible effect it will have on our schools. Please let me assure you we are in constant contact with the county health department, the state Department of Education and other agencies and are monitoring the event in our area.

Each school has been given information on working with students and staff that may have flu symptoms. The consensus from health officials is to wash your hands, cover your mouth and nose (with a tissue if possible) if you cough or sneeze, do not share food or drink, and if you are sick, please stay home. If you have a fever and other flu symptoms, see a doctor.

For more the latest information on Swine flu in Alabama, you can visit the state Health Department Website <http://www.adph.org/influenza/index.asp?id=3526>.

The good news is that our state Health Officer Dr. Don Williamson believes this strain of flu is no worse than other types. In fact, he indicated that on a scale of 1-6, with 6 being the most severe, this virus is a 1.

Should this event worsen, I promise we will take the necessary steps to minimize the impact on our community. I hope that that will not be necessary. However, we have plans ready in case we have any cases reported in Montgomery.

Thank you for following the guidelines to remain healthy and for your continued support of Montgomery Public Schools.