 **CHITTENANGO CENTRAL SCHOOLS**

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

As the flu season is off to a quick start across the state, the District continues to take a proactive standpoint. The actions taken by the District to prevent the spread of influenza and/or seasonal illnesses are comprehensive across all four buildings.  The CCSD deploys professional cleaners, trained and counseled, that clean our school buildings and learning spaces every night.  For your awareness;

1)      Surfaces are cleaned every night with a hydrogen peroxide cleaner.

2)      Additionally, desktops, table tops and all touch points (door knobs,

faucet handles, soap dispensers, etc.) are disinfected with a product

called "Vindicator."

3)      The cleaning staff will rotate the use of other disinfectants to

prevent germ resistance and increase solvent efficacy.

4)      The Director of Maintenance, Buildings and Grounds routinely

holds staff meetings to review best practices and stress the critical

importance of proper cleaning and disinfecting.

5)      Of course, we stringently adhere to CDC cleaning

recommendations for schools -

<https://www.cdc.gov/flu/school/cleaning.htm>

The Centers for Disease Control recommends the following preventions:

What can we do to reduce the chances of spreading or “catching Influenza?

* Wash hands often with soap and water, especially after coughing or sneezing.
* Use alcohol based hand sanitizers to clean hands if soap and water are not available.
* Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when coughing or sneezing and throw the tissue in the trash after use (if no tissue is available, cough or sneeze into your arm or sleeve – not your hand).

When should my child stay home with the flu?

* Students with “Influenza-Like Illness” stay home when they are sick. Your child may have the flu and should stay home if they have the following signs and symptoms: Fever of 100°F or greater, cough, runny nose, sore throat.

When should my child return to school?

* It is recommended that students stay home until at least 24 hours after they are free of fever (100°F or greater) or signs of a fever, without the use of fever-reducing medications.

Consider a flu shot.

* The effectiveness of the flu shot can vary from year to year. It’s better to get

the flu shot late than never.

Sincerely,

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