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Dear RSU 57 Community.

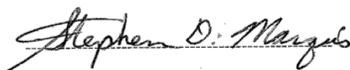
We are writing to share that this past week we have had two schools that exceeded 15% student absenteeism due to sickness related absences. Alfred Elementary School and Massabesic Middle School both surpassed this threshold this week. As a result of this, we must report our percentage of absenteeism to the Maine Department of Education. When this report is made, the Maine CDC will follow up by contacting the individual school to obtain additional information and determine if the absenteeism report meets an outbreak status for disease. Currently, our absentee levels at these two schools and at our other five schools reflect a high rate of respiratory related illness with some isolated cases of influenza and COVID-19. The Maine Department of Education will continue to monitor our data in the immediate days ahead until we see a consistent absentee rate below the 15% threshold.

At this time, in direct consultation with our Maine CDC Outbreak Investigator, we have not been advised to close school in response to this illness outbreak designation. We will maintain communication with the Maine CDC.

We ask that you please do not send your student to school if they are symptomatic for any illness. If reporting a student as absent, please share details of symptoms as well as any negative or positive test results. Please contact your child's school nurse with any questions or for more information about symptoms your child might be experiencing.

Our staff will continue to be diligent in cleaning and sanitizing our classrooms and high touch areas. Lastly, the Maine CDC does advise that mask wearing and hand washing are the two most effective ways to avoid respiratory related disease.

Sincerely,



Dr. Stephen Marquis