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Dear Black Rock School Parent:

I am writing this letter in an effort to keep you informed of the reported illnesses at Black Rock School. We are monitoring the illness and absenteeism rates at each school with particular attention to reported flu-like symptoms by parents and/or caregivers. Widespread illness at Black Rock School is not a concern at this point.

While we cannot be sure that all illnesses reported are directly related to the H1N1 virus, we are working diligently to act in the best interest of all Thomaston students. Students are being isolated and sent home at the earliest signs of illness in direct response to our protocol. Parents are being instructed to keep their children home for 7 days from the start of the fever and respiratory symptoms.

We continue to collaborate with Torrington Area Health District and our Medical Advisor, Dr. Paul Broomhead. Nurses have increased their surveillance of illness in their respective building. Teachers have been educated on prevention strategies in the classroom, while custodians have agreed to step up their cleaning procedures throughout their buildings. Together, we can maintain the health and safety of all students at Black Rock School.

For more up to the minute information, please visit [Flu.gov](http://Flu.gov) website or [thomastonschools.org](http://thomastonschools.org) website.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lynda Mitchell".

Lynda Mitchell  
Superintendent of Schools

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