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Dear Parents, Guardians and Employees:

As of December 17, 2009, all schools have staffed H1N1 clinics and all elementary students have been offered the second dose of vaccine. All our clinics ran very smoothly, thanks to the organization and efforts of the Health Department Staff and our School Nurses. While we realize the seasonal flu and other illnesses have not yet been experienced in Orange County Public Schools, we may be content having been vaccinated for H1N1, expecting whatever lingering cases to be milder and shorter lived for it's victims.

Earlier this week the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announced a non-safety related voluntary recall of certain lots of H1N1 vaccine. Some of the recalled vaccine has been distributed in Virginia and in our health district.

The vaccine that is being recalled is all pre-filled syringes for children ages 6 months to 36 months. **None of the recalled vaccine was used for school vaccination clinics in our health district.** For more information you may refer to the CDC's frequently asked questions concerning this http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/vaccination/syringes_qa.htm.

During the week of December 14th-18th information on flu-like illnesses is reported in the chart below.

School	Total Enrollment	Total Reports of Influenza for the week ending 12-18-09
Gordon-Barbour Elem	381	0
Lightfoot Elementary	298	0
Locust Grove Elementary	653	20
Locust Grove Middle	826	0
OCHS	1,584	3
Orange Elementary	573	1
Prospect Heights Middle	498	0
Unionville Elementary	297	0
Total	5,110	24

It remains important to remember that viruses spread from person to person through coughing or sneezing. Everyone needs to remain vigilant in their effort to control the spread of flu-like illnesses.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jan Carpenter". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "J" and a distinct "C" for "Carpenter".

Jan Carpenter, M.S.Ed
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