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Dear Parents/Guardians:

As a result of numerous media reports, the District has received many inquiries regarding the Methicillin-Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus (MRSA) infection. District staff has been in constant contact with the Miami-Dade County Health Department, the agency responsible for public health, regarding MRSA and has sent information to all our principals and athletic directors regarding the transmission and prevention of the infection. Staff has been directed to remain diligent in cleaning and sanitizing procedures.

If you have specific questions regarding MRSA, please consult your health care provider. The Comprehensive Health Services link on the District's website www.dadeschools.net has additional MRSA information. The site also contains hand washing information and general information regarding the prevention of colds and flu.

Miami-Dade County Public Schools remain committed to providing a safe environment for all of our students, teachers, and staff. Principals are emphasizing that all students, teachers, and staff practice good hygiene such as frequent hand washing, not sharing personal items, and covering wounds with appropriate bandages. These types of practices have been proven effective in preventing the spread of germs in a school or family setting. I am asking your assistance in discussing the information provided in this letter with your child so they may take an active role in preventing the transmission of germs in the school environment.

Sincerely,

Rudolph F. Crew, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

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cc: School Board Members