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Dear Parents, Pastors, Principals and Teachers,

In our continuing efforts to keep school communities in the Archdiocese of New York up to date on policies and procedures to prevent the spread of H1N1, we have developed an H1N1 Fact Sheet. The attached information addresses frequently asked questions about influenza and provides web links to help parents make their own decisions about immunization. We also encourage parents to make alternate plans for childcare, in the event your child needs to remain at home.

As influenza returns to the Archdiocese of New York this fall, the health and well-being of our students, faculty and staff will remain our primary concern. The Superintendent's Office will continue to work closely with the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), local Departments of Health (DOH) and District Supervising Nurses to communicate strategies for prevention and infection control in our schools. We are committed to keeping our schools open, as long as it is in the best interests of our students and faculty.

Please look to our website www.adnyeducation.org for this and any new information as soon as it becomes available.

The State Health Department and the State Education Department will continue to provide guidance that will help inform our decisions in the Archdiocese of New York. The safety of our students is our primary concern. Thank you for your support in protecting our students.

Sincerely,

Timothy J. McNiff, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

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