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Attention Andrew School Families:

Despite the warmer weather and the prospect of Spring being right around the corner, we seem to be experiencing an increase in illness, such as influenza, here at school. To promote a safe and healthy environment for all students and staff we wanted to send a reminder and ask for your help to tackle this challenge and prevent other illnesses from potentially entering our schools.

In the event that your child spikes a fever at home, exhibits a severe cough and/or shortness of breath, or experiences vomiting we ask that you PLEASE keep them at home to recover. Additional rest will help their bodies fight the illness. Staying home also prevents the spread of germs and infection to others at school.

Often times students will show no signs or symptoms until they are at school. In these cases, we will evaluate their condition at school and contact parents if they need to be sent home to rest. To prepare for these instances we ask that you please note the following:

- **Contact Info:** Please make sure we have a way to reach you at all times. If your contact info changes at any time please update it with us at school.
- **Stay at Home Policy:** Students who have a fever, vomiting, or symptoms of acute respiratory illness are required to stay home and not come to school until they are free of these symptoms for a minimum of 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing or other symptom-altering medicines (e.g. cough suppressants). For these purposes, a fever is defined as a temperature above 100.4 degrees F or 37.8 degrees C.
- **Leaving School Due to Illness:** In the event that your child is sent home due to illness during the school day, we will require them to remain home at least the following day. Please know that we care about your child(ren) and love having them in school. We hope that by keeping kids out of school when they are ill we will ultimately increase the time that your child(ren) and all of our students will be able to attend school.

We Sincerely Thank You For Your Support!

Andrew School Administration

