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(Use this news release to announce increased absences; urge precaution.)

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Local Schools Note Increased Absences Due to Flu

_____ Schools Superintendent _____ said today that daily classroom absenteeism monitoring indicates more children in _____ schools are becoming ill with flu.

“While students who are not ill should continue to attend school, parents should keep children who have a fever, cough and other flu symptoms home to help stop the spread of flu viruses and help the sick child get well,” _____ said.

“If the H1N1 flu virus continues to spread, and more students become ill, we may dismiss school to keep more children and staff from getting sick. If we do dismiss school at some point, students should stay home and parents should be prepared for that possibility,” _____ said.

For school updates, parents can call the school district’s hotline at (INSERT NUMBER). For more information on flu, contact the _____ County Health Department at (phone number) or visit these Web sites: <http://h1n1.health.ok.gov>. or www.flu.gov.

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