



## District responds to H1N1 flu

Three probable cases of the H1N1 flu combined with evolving information about the severity of the virus and how to best prevent its spread, resulted in the closing of three District 308 schools during the past week.

Both Fox Chase Elementary and Thompson Junior High Schools' closings were the result of one case at Fox Chase that was deemed "probable" for the H1N1 strain. Thompson was closed for one day since a sibling of the Fox Chase student attends Thompson and was also being monitored for the flu. However, that test result was negative, allowing Thompson to reopen. Although the test result is still outstanding for the Fox Chase student, the school reopened Tuesday since it was closed the appropriate length of time according to interim health department and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines.

Two "probable" cases at Bednarcik are also awaiting confirmation by the CDC. However, updated CDC guidelines released on Tuesday state that "schools that were closed based on previous interim CDC guidance related to this outbreak may reopen." Due to that recommendation, Bednarcik was able to reopen Wednesday.

The district will continue to insure the health of our students according to the following procedures:

- 1) The district's Health Services Department confers daily in conjunction with the county health departments and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).
- 2) The district's Pandemic Planning Team met to review the district's comprehensive plan and procedures.

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## Meet District 308's new superintendent:

May 2009

Educational Excellence. Caring Community.

Please join District 308 in welcoming  
Dr. Daniel and Sharon O'Donnell  
to our community  
"to educate,"  
3:00 to 6:00 p.m.  
Monday, May 18, 2009

**Oswego East High School Community Room**  
1525 Harvey Road, Oswego

 Dr. Dan O'Donnell will join District 308 as its new superintendent on July 1.

## Monn leaves District 308

Oswego Community Unit School District 308 has begun the process of filling an administrative vacancy, following the approval by Batavia Public Schools to hire Kris Monn as its assistant superintendent for finance. Monn has served District 308 as its assistant superintendent for finance for the past three years.

"Kris has been an articulate and effective assistant superintendent for finance," said Superintendent Dr. David Behlow. "We appreciate his many contributions to our district and wish him continued success."

An Elmhurst College music education major, Monn began his career with District 308 in 1999 as an elementary choral teacher at Old Post Elementary School. In 2002 Monn changed career paths and left District 308 to pursue a position as the assistant business manager with the Lemont-Bromberek Combined District 113A. After moving into the business manager position at District 113A, Monn accepted an assistant superintendent for finance, facilities, and operations position with Glen Ellyn School District 41 before returning to assume his current role in District 308 in 2006.

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3) Any student displaying flu like symptoms during school is sent to the building nurse for evaluation. If a student has a temperature of 100° F or above **and** exhibits another known H1N1 symptom—such as coughing or sore throat—he/she is sent home for seven days unless a doctor’s note is provided to the school allowing an earlier return.

4) The district monitors daily student attendance, although no significant spikes in absenteeism have been noted.

5) Building nurses make personal calls to the parents of children who are sick with flu-like symptoms.

6) The district encourages students to wash their hands often with soap and water or alcohol-based

hand sanitizers and has displayed posters in both English and Spanish in all buildings to serve as a reminder of proper procedures.

7) District buildings are cleaned and maintained according to the CDC’s recommendations.

8) Frequent communication is provided to families and the community through the district’s phone alert and email messaging systems as well as through the media.

The district has worked to balance the concerns of the children’s medical safety with the desire to provide for them educationally. We understand that at times this has been frustrating, but we appreciate all the cooperation and understanding of parents as we work through this evolving situation together.

### *During its April meetings, the District 308 Board of Education:*

- Hired Dr. Dan O’Donnell as the new district superintendent effective July 1, 2009.
- Approved a rental agreement with the Heritage YMCA for the use of space at the Oswego 308 Center.
- Approved an intergovernmental agreement with the Village of Oswego for use of the video editing studio at Oswego East High School.
- Authorized and approved \$6,500,000 in tax anticipation warrants to cover Education Fund expenses until tax revenues are received from the state.
- Accepted the recommendation to freeze the salaries of the 78 members of the district’s administrative leadership team.
- Approved a contract with Aramark Education Services, LLC for the management of the food service program in the district.

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| May 04 | Curriculum Committee<br>5:45 p.m. / Oswego East H.S.              |
|        | Finance Committee<br>5:45 p.m. / Oswego East H.S.                 |
|        | Board of Education Meeting<br>7:00 p.m. / Oswego East H.S.        |
| May 05 | Policy Committee<br>6:00 a.m. / Superintendent’s Office           |
|        | Personnel Committee<br>6:30 a.m. / Administration Center          |
| May 12 | Growth Committee Meeting<br>6:00 a.m. / Superintendent’s Office   |
| May 18 | New Superintendent Reception<br>3:00-6:00 p.m. / Oswego East H.S. |
|        | Board of Education Meeting<br>7:00 p.m. / Oswego East H.S.        |

