

## DRAFT PRESS RELEASE ON SCHOOL CLOSURE

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### **(NAME OF DISTRICT) ANNOUNCES CLOSURE OF (NAME OF SCHOOL)**

The (NAME OF DISTRICT) announced today the closing of (NAME OF SCHOOL) due to testing of a student(s) that indicates a probable infection from the H1N1, or “Swine Flu” virus. “After consulting with the Marin County Department of Public Health and the Marin County Office of Education, it was determined that the school should be closed,” said (NAME OF SUPERINTENDENT). (NAME OF SUPERINTENDENT) went on to say that “Our first concern is always the safety of our students, staff, parents and the school community. We anticipate the school will be closed for (NUMBER OF DAYS) days and will reopen on (DATE OF REOPENING) subject to approval by Health Department officials. We will continue to monitor the situation and to keep you informed of any new developments.”

School districts, with the coordination of the Marin County Office of Education, have been working closely with the Marin County Department of Public Health to monitor the situation and determine the best course to insure student health and safety. A school closure means that all classes are suspended and that students should not report to school. It includes suspension of all activities such as club, social or athletic events. If someone has flu-like illnesses they should contact their medical provider or call the Public Health Multi-lingual Hot Line at 415-499-6823.

For more information on the status of schools or on the H1N1 virus, go to <http://www.marinschools.org> and click on “Swine Flu Update!” in the top right hand corner of the page.

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