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*Gary Hexom, Executive Director*

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Dear DECS families,

In an effort to minimize the staff and students exposure to illnesses, DECS is following the Center for Disease Controls Guidelines and we are suspending the "Perfect Attendance" awards for the 2009-2010 school year. Any sick children with a temperature or who are ill should stay home until 24 hours after (with out fever reducing medication) the symptoms are no longer evident. Please continue to call the office whenever your child is absent.

***From the CDC Website:***

*Students, staff, and families of sick people should stay at home until at least 24 hours after they no longer have a fever or signs of a fever. This should be determined without the use of fever-reducing medicines (any medicine that contains ibuprofen or acetaminophen). They should stay home until at least 24 hours after they no longer have a fever even if they are using antiviral medicines. Schools should revise their policies and incentives to avoid unknowingly penalizing students who stay home when they are sick (e.g., perfect attendance awards).*

Thank you for helping keep our school healthy,

Gary Hexom

*The Mission of the Delta Elementary Charter School in Clarksburg is to provide a family-oriented, community-based intimate learning environment that is devoted to the academic, social, linguistic, and personal success of each child.*