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Dear Parents;

As you know, there have been diagnosed cases of the skin infection, MRSA in schools in our area. It is an antibiotic-resistant skin infection.

According to the Washington State Department of Health, "The best way to prevent skin infection is simple—**wash your hands**. Washing your hands often with soap and warm water also helps prevent colds and flu. Antibacterial soap is not needed".

To ensure that our students are washing their hands with warm water and soap, the gel dispensing hand-cleaning stations in the elementary schools will be removed from use until further notice.

At all of our schools, custodians are continuing their regular careful cleaning of doorknobs, handles, and drinking fountains. Students are also assisting by cleaning their desktops more often.

Our middle school and high school coaches are ensuring that all wrestling mats, shared equipment and our locker rooms are carefully cleaned and disinfected as appropriate. These are standard procedures and we are simply reminding everyone pay special attention to these items.

The custodial and maintenance staff in East Valley School District does a superb job of cleaning and maintaining our schools every day, providing a safe and clean learning environment for our students and staff. During flu and cold season, extra care is given, and will continue.

If you have questions, please contact me at 924-1830 or your school principal.

Sincerely;

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