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Larry L. Jackson, Superintendent

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

As you well know, we have seen flu-like illnesses in our schools all year. We continue to work closely with the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control—DHEC—(also known as the county health department) to protect our students and our staff from the flu. **That is why we are sending a second notice to you regarding the fact that free vaccines will be available in our schools.** Vaccination against the flu is not required for school attendance; however, there is a consent form that must be completed if you would like DHEC to vaccinate your child at school against the H1N1 flu. **Please return the Consent Form to your child's school by Monday, November 9th.** DHEC will offer H1N1 flu shots for Florence School District One students only. There is no charge for this service. Details about when the shots will be offered are listed below.

Date: DHEC will operate clinics in schools on **Wednesday, November 11.** The plan is to provide shots at all schools. Shots will not be given to parents or community members at the school clinics.

Time: Shots will be given throughout the school day, and school administrators will not be able to tell you ahead of time when your child will receive the flu shot.

Special Notes: On **Wednesday, November 11**, when flu shots will be given, students should wear clothes that will make it easy to give the shot. Some young students with very small arm muscles may get the shot in their thigh muscle. After the shot has been given, your child will receive a band aid; however, ice packs or medications such as Motrin or Tylenol will not be administered. Students will not receive the nasal mist version of the immunization at the school clinics, and students who are unwilling to be vaccinated will not be vaccinated.

Students less than 10 years of age need two doses of the vaccine against the H1N1 flu. The two doses must be given about 28 days apart. Parents of students needing a second dose should contact the county health department or their health care provider for the second dose. If you have questions about the Novel H1N1 flu vaccine, call your child's primary health care provider or the DHEC Flu Hotline at 1-800-27-SHOTS (1-800-277-4687). Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

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