

October 1, 2014

Dear Parents:

The health and safety of our students is always our top priority at Jack Lowe Sr. Elementary School. When issues of concern are brought to our attention, we feel it is important to share them with you so that appropriate steps can be taken.

This morning, we were made aware that a student at Sam Tasby Middle School may have had contact with an individual who was recently diagnosed with the Ebola virus. This student is currently not showing any symptoms and is under close observation by the Dallas County Health and Human Services Department. As a precautionary measure, the student has been advised to stay home from school. Since this student is not presenting any symptoms, there is nothing to suggest that the disease was spread to others, including students and staff.

It is also important to know that individuals are not contagious until symptoms appear. Because of this, there is no imminent danger to your child.

Please know that Dallas ISD is in regular communication with the Centers for Disease Control, the Dallas Mayor's Office, and Dallas County Health and Human Services and will provide updates as they are received.

In addition, the district is taking the following actions:

- Additional nurses are being deployed to Tasby for precautionary purposes, to keep a close watch on any student who comes to the nurse's office with fever or flu-like symptoms, etc.
- Additional custodial services have been arranged to thoroughly clean the building each evening, also a precautionary measure.

A recorded hotline is being established to provide any updates on this situation. The number for this hotline is (972) 925-5810.

For more information about the Ebola virus, please visit this link from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: <http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/pdf/ebola-factsheet.pdf>

Thank you for your continued support of Jack Lowe Sr. Elementary School.

Sincerely,

Yesenia Ramirez

Principal

Jack Lowe Sr. Elementary School