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To: Superintendents

From: Peter McWalters, Commissioner

Date: May 22, 2009

Re: Critical Daily Absentee Reporting

On May 6th, I wrote to you regarding the critical need for daily absentee reporting from all districts and from all nonpublic schools. The Department of Health needs this information on a daily basis throughout the flu season, now and during the next school year.

At this time, many districts are out of compliance with this vital request. All districts must submit attendance data to RIDE daily; you must have a backup plan in the event that your Data Manager is out of the office on any given day.

If you have any issue that prevents you from submitting daily attendance reports to RIDE, please immediately contact the RIDE Help Desk, at 222-8968, or helpdesk@ride.ri.gov

(My May 6th communication is posted on the RIDE Web site:

<http://www.ride.ri.gov/Commissioner/news/advisories/2009/COMMUNICATION%20TO%20SUPERINTENDENTS%20ON%20CRITICAL%20DAILY%20ABSENTEE%20REPORTING.5609.pdf>)

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