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Dear Parents and Residents,

As you probably know, recently there has been heightened concern regarding staph infections, specifically one referred to as MRSA. It has come to my attention that on the Nassau County Department of Health website, there is an article in which they mention various communities, including Bethpage, in which there have been reported cases of MRSA. Since we **do not** have any reported cases of MRSA in the Bethpage School District, this morning I spoke with Dr. Daniel Kuhles, Director of Disease Control for the Nassau County Department of Health. He informed me that there was one suspected/confirmed case reported in the Bethpage area, but that involved a non-school-age person. He also told me that it is **definitely not** a student in the Bethpage Schools, and that he would call me immediately if there was ever such a case.

Please know that if any of our students were found to have contracted MRSA, I would quickly inform all parents of this situation. Again, there are no known cases at this time involving Bethpage School District students, and we continue to take numerous preventative measures to reduce the possibility that our students and staff would acquire this infection.

Thank you for your continued interest and support.

Sincerely,

Richard S. Marsh

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