

BETHPAGE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parents,

In my earlier correspondence concerning MRSA bacterial infections I stated that, at that point in time, there was only one reported case in the Bethpage area. This involved a non-school-aged person. We have just learned that one of our High School students was recently found to have a small skin abscess due to the MRSA bacteria, has responded well to treatment and has been cleared by a physician to return to school.

As I had reported earlier, when first learning of the MRSA issue earlier this fall, the School District took aggressive steps to minimize the possibility that this type of staph infection would become a problem for our students, staff, and visitors. Although good personal hygiene continues to be the best line of defense against MRSA, our custodial staff continues to use government-approved cleaning products to prevent MRSA or other bacterial problems in our schools. Areas such as Gymnasiums in which there are wrestling mats and other equipment have been receiving an elevated level of sanitizing and disinfecting.

Included with my letter today is information about the "Eagle Walk of Recognition." This exciting beautification project is being conducted as a Buy-A-Brick fundraiser at Bethpage High School. The deadline for orders to be included in the first phase of construction is January 31, 2008.

Best wishes for a very Happy and Healthy Holiday Season!

Sincerely,

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