

Peru Central

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No SCHOOL FRIDAY OCTOBER 30TH AT PERU CENTRAL

Classes and programs slated to resume Monday, November 2, 2009

Based on extensive assessment of the school district's capacity to transport, supervise and instruct students tomorrow, all programs and operations at Peru Central are cancelled for Friday, October 30, 2009 at Peru Central School District.

Although student absenteeism at the middle school and at the high school has improved the past two days, illness among faculty and support staff has reached a point that it is necessary to cancel classes for tomorrow, according to Peru Central Superintendent of Schools A. Paul Scott.

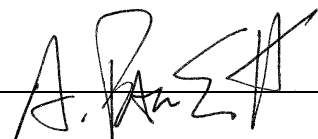
Throughout the week, the Peru school community has been experiencing substantial student absenteeism, particularly in the middle school and the high school. Peru Central School District is told the substantial absenteeism is likely associated with the increased level of influenza-type illness reported within Clinton County and our region of the North Country this week. The school district has been told we can expect next week's absenteeism patterns to be much closer to normal.

Peru CSD has been tracking staff absenteeism daily, as part of county-wide monitoring and as part of assessing capacity each morning, in regard to whether or not Peru CSD has adequate staffing to transport students and have a day of school.

A. Paul Scott said that once he determined the school district would almost certainly not have adequate staffing, the announcement was made to cancel all programs and operations on Friday. All classes and programs will resume Monday, November 2nd, according to Scott.

The Superintendent credited the nurse teams, the teachers, school-based support staff, bus drivers, administrators and operations supervisors for providing exemplary public service this week by providing a full day of school throughout the week for the many children of the community who were healthy and ready for a day of school each day earlier this week.

Scott expressed appreciation to Clinton County Health Department and various other organizations and agencies for their help.

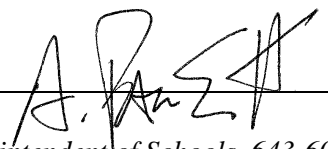


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