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This is a sad time for Flour Bluff Intermediate and Flour Bluff Independent School District. Today we lost a member of our school family—a precious child. We grieve along with the child’s family and friends. Staff and students are pulling together at this time to support the family and one another. The family has extended a message of concern for other families and encourages parents to seek treatment for any child who may be sick. We ask that the family be allowed their time for privacy and grieving. Counselors are available to assist students and staff. We have consulted through Dr. Burgin, with the Center for Disease Control and Prevention and Driscoll Children’s’ Hospital personnel. At this time, all FBISD schools remain open.

FBISD has been in direct communication with the Corpus Christi-Nueces County Health District. We have doubled our cleaning efforts. We continue to clean facilities, such as tables and desks, water fountains, bus seats, etc. between groups of students throughout the day. We continue to teach and encourage students to utilize good hygiene to protect their health. We ask that parents keep students at home who are ill and continue to reinforce good hygiene, such as washing hands regularly and sneezing or coughing into a Kleenex or shirt sleeve, to avoid spreading germs.

Attendance at Flour Bluff ISD has remained strong. If children or staff are sick, we have asked them to go home, seek medical attention and return to school after being fever-free for at least 24 hours without the assistance of medication. We continue to report information on attendance and illnesses to the Health District and abide by the guidance provided.

FBISD has also ordered the H1N1 flu vaccine for students and staff and expects to start receiving shipments in early-to-mid October. We will be scheduling immunization clinics as the shipments arrive.

Again, we ask the media to join us in supporting the family’s privacy as they grieve and honor the memory of their daughter.