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## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **ASHWAUBENON HIGH SCHOOL CLOSED OCTOBER 15 AND 16 DUE TO FLU**

Ashwaubenon, WI – October 13, 2009 – Due to an unusually high number of student absences, Ashwaubenon High School will be closed on Thursday and Friday, October 15 and 16. Flu like symptoms have caused student absences to steadily increase during the week, reaching 41% on Wednesday. In order to reduce the likelihood of increased student illness, Ashwaubenon High School will be closed to students. All AHS staff members will report to school as usual on Thursday and Friday, October 15 and 16.

Due to WIAA guidelines pertaining to school closings due to infectious/contagious diseases, all athletic events will be cancelled and forfeits will result in Boy's Soccer, Boy's and Girl's Cross Country and Boy's Varsity Football. All practices for Thursday, Friday and Saturday, October 15-17, have also been cancelled as per WIAA guidelines.

**All other Ashwaubenon schools - Parkview, Pioneer, Valley View and Cormier - will remain OPEN and operate as usual on Thursday and Friday October 15 and 16. The rate of absences at those schools is near a normal level at this time.**

This decision was made in collaboration with the Brown County and State Health Department, with the health and safety of our students being our number one concern.

If you have questions about this issue, please call the high school at 492-2950 or the district office at 492-2900. You may also call Mary Jo Beining, the district nurse, at 492-2905 ext. 1027 to discuss issues related to this illness situation.

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