



Sumner County Board of Education

Benny Bills, Director of Schools
695 E. Main Street Gallatin, TN 37066-2472
Phone: (615)451-5200 Fax: (615)451-5216

January 22, 2008

Dear Families of Benny Bills Elementary School Students:

We are writing you today out of an abundance of caution to inform you that a case of MRSA Staph infection has been confirmed at Benny Bills Elementary School.

Local, regional, and state health officials have assured us that this situation is not unusual, nor is it a cause for undue alarm. Rest assured that we are taking proactive steps to protect students and staff by following the advice given to us by our public health officials.

Appropriate measures have been taken involving the individual with the infection. Privacy laws prevent us from making any additional comment about this person. We are taking steps in addition to our normal procedures to clean and disinfect areas in the school where germs could be spread. This process began this morning.

If you would like to know more about MRSA, please visit our website at www.sumner-schools.org, and click on the link for School Health Issues Update. We have included information on this page from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control to help you understand the causes and prevention of Staph infections. If you believe your child might have an infection of any kind, you are urged to contact your family physician for diagnosis and proper treatment.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we work through this issue together. We will continue to post updates on our website, www.sumnerschools.org, and we will closely monitor the situation and keep you informed of any pertinent developments.

Sincerely,

Ken Henderson, Principal

Benny Bills, Sumner County Director of Schools

Tammy Poteet, Sumner County Schools Nursing Supervisor

Board of Education Members

Mary Ralph Bradley - David A. Brown - Will A. Duncan - Mike Fussell - Glen Gregory - Ben Harris - Don Long - Sharon Lyle - Nancy A. Roth - Randy Stamps - Rob Wheeler