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Dear Parent/Guardian:

A case of Herpangina (Viral Sores in Throat), has been confirmed in your child's school. This is a common but contagious illness that is similar to Hand, Foot and Mouth disease. The symptoms include but are not limited to fever, sore throat and blisters to the back of the throat. Some children may get a rash to the body or to the hands and feet. These symptoms may last four to seven days and there is no easy way to prevent the virus except with proper hand washing.

Please observe your child and if he/she presents with any symptoms, keep your child at home and notify your Physician. If your child becomes ill during school hours and presents any symptoms, you will be notified by the Health Services Department and your child will be required to be transported home. At any time a fever has been determined by a school nurse, the child must remain home for at least 24 hours per the school handbook.

Also, please monitor your child for loss of appetite for food or liquids and an increase in irritability or unusual behavior as this may indicate changes. Any student that has been absent for three or more days will require a note from a healthcare provider before returning to school. This information has been provided to you so that you can help control the spread of this infection and protect the health of your child. Please notify the school if you have any questions or concerns and if your child is absent at any time.

Sincerely,

Speed School Health Services Department