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## **Derry Cooperative School District #1**

NH School Administrative Unit #10

March 10, 2016

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As is common during the late winter/early spring season, we have seen a number of cases of the common childhood illness called Fifth Disease throughout the Derry Cooperative School District. This mild illness often comes with a distinct rash, but the child is usually otherwise well. Once the rash appears the child is no longer contagious and may attend school. The attached fact sheet is intended to provide you with some information on this mild viral illness.

Though the risk is very low, there can be complications in pregnancy from exposure to Fifth Disease. If you are pregnant or think that you may be pregnant, you should inform your obstetrician.

Please know that we are encouraging the children to have good hygiene practices when sneezing or using and disposing of tissues. We are also encouraging good hand washing, which is the best defense to any illness.

Please feel free to contact your school nurse with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jayne Boyle".

Jayne Boyle  
Assistant Director of Student Services

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jennifer Drumm".

Jennifer Drumm  
School Nurse