

SEPT. 18 MESSAGE FROM WESTLAKE PRINCIPAL LINDA RAWLINGS' WEEKLY PARENT COMMUNICATION REGARDING EXAM EXEMPTIONS:

We know that you have concerns about the flu and student illnesses as they relate to exam exemptions. We have included a provision in our student handbook this year that allows for the student's assistant principal to review absences beyond the number allowed for exam exemptions. In determining whether a student will be exempt, the assistant principal will review all parent notes and pertinent medical documentation in the student's attendance file. We are NOT requiring a doctor's note for evidence that a student has the flu. The bottom line is that we need for students who are ill to stay home. Students need to be fever-free for 24 hours before returning to school. We communicated this information to students during our first advisory classes for the school year; we are following up with morning announcements to the students for 5-6 school days.