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Dear Dr. Domenech:

On behalf of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) I would like to thank you for your assistance during the recent H1N1 flu outbreak. You and your staff, particularly Amy Vogt, Director of Public and Media Relations, were incredibly responsive to our request for assistance with surveillance of school closures. The form that you placed on your website for reporting school closures proved very useful and may serve as a prototype for further school closure surveillance in the fall. In addition, your organization’s outreach to your membership as well as other national education organizations on H1N1-related school closure issues further enhanced the quality of our surveillance data. We value our ongoing partnership with AASA and look forward to working with you on this critical public health issue in the future.

Sincerely yours,

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