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Dear Parents/Guardians:

As you may already know, a law was passed in 2009 by the Connecticut Legislature that requires schools to start a green cleaning program in the schools by July 2011.

I am pleased to report that the Vernon Public School district has implemented this program for the cleaning and maintenance of our school buildings and facilities. For your information, I am attaching a copy of the *Vernon Public Schools Green Cleaning Program*.

I would like to share with you a couple of important highlights of the green cleaning program:

1. **No parent, guardian, teacher or staff member may bring into the school facility any consumer product which is intended to clean, deodorize, sanitize or disinfect.** This important part of the law bans teachers and staff from bringing in their own cleaners, including sanitizers and disinfectants, or deodorizers, and parents (and parent groups) from sending in such products with their child/children. These products often have harmful ingredients. The best way to prevent germs from spreading is to use soap and water or, if unavailable, use the school approved sanitizer.
2. Our custodial and maintenance staff are using green cleaners that have been certified by an independent third-party to make sure that the health and environmental effects from their use are reduced.

I invite you to learn more our about the green cleaning program for Vernon Public Schools on our website: www.vernonschools.com under District Information.

I thank you in advance for your cooperation. We need the cooperation of both staff and parents to both comply with the law and protect the health of our students and staff. In the end, the result is a healthier school environment for all.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mary P. Conway". The signature is fluid and cursive.

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