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Re: Notification of Head Lice in the Classroom

Dear Parent or Guardian:

Senate bill 1566 was passed during the Legislative session 2017 to require the school to notify parents of a classroom occurrence of lice. Head lice, although not an illness or a disease, is very common among children and is spread through head-to-head contact during play, sports and when children share items like combs, hats, brushes, and headphones.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and the American Academy of Pediatrics, Lice are not a public health threat. They do not carry disease. Student who are sent home with lice activity can be treated at home and return to class after appropriate treatment has begun. Nits may persist after treatment, but successful treatment should kill crawling lice.

Recommendations for parents:

1. Check your child's hair daily.
If you find lice treat your child and any children who share rooms or beds in the house. In addition, the sheets and clothes must be washed in hot water. Stuffed animals or other items which cannot be washed should be bagged for 48 hours.
2. Please let your school nurse know if you become aware of lice.
3. Talk to the school nurse or someone else in charge to find out what the school policy and procedures are in the district.
4. Follow treatment guidelines, available on the attached sheet.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention can be utilized as a resource for treatment and prevention of lice. Treatment options can be found at <https://www.cdc.gov/parasites/lice/treatment.html> and prevention tips at <https://www.cdc.gov/parasites/lice/head/prevent.html>.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact your school nurse.

Sincerely,

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