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To: Robert J. O'Donnell, Superintendent

From: Linda E. Pierce, Director of Human Resources
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Re: Head Lice, Policy 209.2

Based on the American Pediatric Association's clinical report and recommendations, we are recommending that Pupils Policy 209.2, Head Lice, be revised to provide that students are not to be excluded from school unless it is determined that live head lice have been detected - this would permit children with nits to remain in school. In addition, we are recommending that the Guideline section be removed from the policy and become a separate Administrative Guideline 209.2-G1.

These revisions were discussed by the full Board at their April 24, 2017 meeting and will be on the June 12, 2017 Board meeting agenda as an action item for approval.

The proposed draft is attached for your review. The Administrative Guideline is attached for your information.

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SECTION: PUPILS
TITLE: HEAD LICE
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209.2 HEAD LICE

Purpose

The Board is committed to maintaining a healthy environment for students and staff. To fulfill that commitment, the Board establishes this policy to provide guidelines for the prevention and control of head lice in students.

Guidelines

Evidenced based practice for the treatment of head lice outlines that students are not to be excluded from school unless it is determined that live head lice have been detected.

At any time during the school year, When it is suspected that a child may have an active head lice infestation, that child will be examined by the Certified School Nurse (CSN) or other health care practitioner in the nurse's office. ~~may examine a student for head lice.~~ If nits or live head lice are identified, the parent/guardian will be contacted to transport the child home. ~~the following procedures shall be implemented:~~ The child may return to school immediately following the first treatment.

See also Guideline 209.2G for more detailed information.

- ~~1. The certified school nurse or other health care practitioner will examine the student's siblings and other close contacts.~~
- ~~2. The certified school nurse or other health care practitioner will provide information to the parent/guardian regarding treatment.~~
- ~~3. The parent/guardian will be immediately contacted to pick up the student.~~

Readmission:

After treatment has been completed and all head lice and most nits have been removed from the head, the following procedures shall be implemented:

1. After contacting the certified school nurse for an appointment, the parent/guardian shall accompany the student to school for a readmission examination.
2. If upon reexamination the student is found to have head lice or inadequate reduction of nits, the student will be denied admission.
3. After the student has been cleared to return to classes, the certified school nurse, or other health care practitioner will reexamine the student for infestation, seven days post treatment.
4. Middle school and high school students will be checked as deemed necessary by their certified school nurse in accordance with the established pediculosis procedure.

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SECTION: PUPILS
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209.2G HEAD LICE PROTOCOL - ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDELINE

This Guideline provides general information regarding the process for managing an identified active head lice infestation.

If nits are found, but no live head lice, then the CSN or other health care practitioner will send an informational letter to the parents of the affected student.

If a student is found to have live head lice, then:

- 1. The CSN or other health care practitioner will examine that student's siblings and other close contacts as applicable.*
- 2. The parent/guardians are contacted to transport the child home.*
- 3. The CSN or other health care practitioner will provide treatment information to the parent/guardian.*
- 4. The student will be excluded from the school bus until the CSN or other health care practitioner has examined the student and determined that s/he is free of live head lice.*
- 5. After the first treatment has been completed, the parent/guardian contacts the CSN to schedule an examination. During the examination, the parent/guardian supplies proof of the treatment procedure (e.g., doctor's note, treatment box top, etc.) to the CSN or other health care practitioner. If there is no evidence of live head lice, then the student may return to classes and the school bus.*
- 6. The CSN or other health practitioner will reexamine the student seven days post-treatment.*