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Mrs. Tracey L. Marinelli

Superintendent of Schools

Dear Parents:

With the start of the new school year I wanted to make parents aware of procedures that the Little Falls Board of Education approved in April of 2009 regarding the handling of potential cases of pediculosis (head lice) as they may occur during the school year. Periodically our district deals with a small number of reported cases throughout the school year.

Please note the procedures that will be in place for any cases of pediculosis during the school year as noted below:

Procedures for Addressing Head Lice and Readmission to School

- ◆ A general letter will be sent home at the beginning of each school year to explain to parents some general information about head lice.
- ◆ A suspected case of lice is brought to the attention of the School Nurse.
- ◆ The Nurse examines the suspected child's head for lice. If live lice or nits are found, the following will occur:
 - Principals and other schools will be notified when a case is found.
 - Parents of the affected child are notified and advised to call their private physician for the recommended treatment.
 - A letter will be sent home to the grade level by the school principal when a case is found.
 - Siblings of affected students will be screened
 - Appropriate classroom precautions will be taken, i.e. checking classrooms, vacuuming, cleaning locker rooms, etc.

- To be readmitted into school, the parent must accompany the student to the School Health Office, where the School Nurse will reexamine the student's head again for lice and nits. If no nits or lice are found, the child will be readmitted into the school. If nits or lice are found the child will be sent home for further treatment.
- Notification of the entire school or school district will only be deemed appropriate by the Superintendent of Schools or the School Physician.

APPROVED AS A PROCEDURE BY THE BOE ON APRIL 28, 2009

We will continue to be cognizant of any health situations that may occur throughout our district and will take the necessary measures to address and support the needs of our students and staff in an appropriate and competent fashion.

I appreciate your continued cooperation in the future and encourage you to work through the appropriate channels of communication as required for any questions or concerns you may have regarding any area of your child's program. Our building principals, school nurse's and all of our staff are readily available and more than willing to work with you to provide the necessary guidance or support you may need to provide the best possible program for your child. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tracey Marinelli".

Mrs. Tracey L. Marinelli
Superintendent of Schools

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