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Dear Mary Lin Parents,

In recent weeks, we have experienced an increase in the number of head lice cases. Head lice are:

(1) not related to cleanliness of the person, home or school

(2) do not carry diseases and are not dangerous, but can cause itching and rash

(3) are typically spread by direct head-to-head contact with the hair of an infected person; and

(4) are difficult to find because they are small and move quickly.

Lice eggs, also known as nits, on the head are an indication of the presence of head lice at one time and if not treated could lead to further spread of lice.

In response, we have developed a *Revised Head Lice Policy.* Please review the following information carefully.

If a parent finds lice on the child at home, the parent will:

• Report it to his or her teacher and the teacher will notify the school nurse

• Treat the child with the *Two-step Head Lice Treatment Plan* (see Attachment A)

• Send the child back to school after the first treatment and turn in the signed *Certification of Initial Treatment for Head Lice* (see Attachment B) to the school nurse; along with the empty bottle of treatment.

• Examine and treat, if necessary, other household members for head lice

• Treat the child with the second of the two-step treatment plan 7 days after the first treatment, and continue to regularly examine the child’s head for nits and lice. (Visit the Mary Lin website for additional resources and information on the treatment and prevention of lice and nits.)

If the school  nurse finds lice and/or nits (lice eggs) on a student, the school nurse will:

• Remove the student from the classroom and other group settings (if lice are found)

• Call the student’s parent for pick-up (if lice are found) or call to inform parents (if just nits are found)

• Provide to the parent the *Two-Step Lice Treatment Plan* (see Attachment A) and *Certification of Initial Treatment for Head Lice* (see Attachment B)

• Check the other children in the class for head lice/nits and send *Notice to Parents* to other children in the class with reference to our website detailing information on the detection and spread of lice and helpful resources for treatment

• Before allowing the infected student to return to class, check the student for head lice after receiving signed *Certification of Initial Treatment for Head Lice* from the parent

• Maintain confidentiality of the child with lice to the extent possible

Sincerely,

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