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Anaphylaxis Treatment: Annual Notification to Parents

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Dear Parents:

As you know, effective January 1, 2015, California Education Code 49414 was amended to authorize school districts to stock epinephrine autoinjectors (“epiPens”) and provide those epiPens to school nurses or to trained personnel who have volunteered to administer them to a student who is suffering, or reasonably believed to be suffering from an anaphylactic reaction.

Anaphylaxis is a rapid, severe allergic response triggered by insect stings, foods, medications, latex materials, or in rare cases by unknown causes. This is a life-threatening allergic condition, requiring immediate treatment. Administering epinephrine to students during a medical emergency may help to insure the student’s health and safety at school. The epinephrine auto-injector rapidly delivers a pre-measured, sterile, single dose of epinephrine by direct injection through the skin.

The Wiseburn Unified School District takes our responsibility to give diligent care to the health and physical development of our students very seriously. For that reason, the District will adopt board policy that will comply with the new law related to both stocking and training requirements. This board policy will include language that requires our school nurse, to stock epiPens at the school site, and language that addresses training on the administration of epiPens.

Please note that if your child has an identified anaphylactic reaction to insect stings, foods, medications, latex materials, or some other known allergy, and has a prescription from a medical doctor for an epinephrine autoinjector, you will continue to be responsible for providing the school with the prescribed epinephrine autoinjector for your child.

If you have any questions, you can contact our district nurse, Ellen Russ at (310) 725-5412 or via email at eruss@wiseburn.org

Sincerely,
Cathy Waller
Director of Child and Psychological Services