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Dear Parents:

As outlined in the Nurse Practice Act, and provisions of the State Education Law, school nurses, principals, and other school personnel cannot dispense medication to school children and school personnel without written physician authorization.

The school nurse is often asked to dispense medication to children throughout the day. It must be determined that the frequency of dosage demands that it be given during school hours. Infrequent dosage such as every 8, 12, or 24 hours is to be handled at home. Very frequent dosage such as every 1 or 2 hours is not feasible in the school setting and would require the student to remain at home for efficient and proper medication.

NO medication, prescription or non-prescription, will be administered to any student unless accompanied by a district **Medication Authorization Form** signed by both physician, nurse practitioner, or dentist AND parent. A new Medication Authorization Form is required yearly. If your child's physician deems he/she competent to carry his/her own inhaler or Epi-Pen, you must call the health office and request a **Self Medication Authorization Form**. No student is allowed to carry medication without this form completed by both parent and physician.

Medication must be supplied in the original container. When filling a prescription, have the Pharmacist supply two containers, one to remain at home and the other for school use.

Parents must assume the responsibility for delivering medication directly to the health office. This procedure is essential in maintaining the safety of all students and at the same time affords an opportunity for parent-nurse interaction.

Please feel free to contact the health office at 277-4099 with any questions. Thank you for your cooperation.

Yours Truly,

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