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Superintendent of Schools

Date: _____

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Your child was sent to the clinic today with evidence of head lice.

Due to an increased amount of feedback and input from all stakeholders regarding our district's **Head Lice Procedures**, the district has modified the school level protocol for dealing with this nuisance issue. The following is a summary of the updated procedures.

- Students suspected of having head lice will be referred individually and confidentially to the school nurse for screening.
- If a child has live bugs and/or a nit infestation, the parent will be contacted by the school to pick up the child and be given information by the school nurse on treatment options.
- Once treated, the parent must bring the child to school to have a recheck performed by the school nurse. A child may then resume attendance and remain at school if found on the re-entry check to be free of live bugs and substantially nit-free.
- A student will be able to receive one day of administratively excused absence for a head lice infestation, following the day the child was picked up from school upon discovery of the head lice. A child that is sent home on the last day of the school week will not have the following school day (for example, a Monday after a weekend) excused.
- A total of four (4) administratively excused days per year is allowed for head lice treatment as verified by the school nurse. Absences that are unexcused and occur beyond the four (4) day limit will be counted toward a child's attendance record. Please see the truancy information on the reverse side of this letter.

It is our district's desire to maintain an atmosphere conducive for uninterrupted teaching and learning. Thank you for your attention to the information provided. Please visit our website for the most recent information on head lice at <http://www.suwannee.k12.fl.us/head-lice>.

For treatment options and other helpful information about head lice, please visit
<http://www.cdc.gov/parasites/lice/head/treatment.html>.

Sincerely,

Ted L. Roush
Superintendent of Schools

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