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To All Parents/Guardians,

Please be aware of and adhere to the following guidelines, adopted by the Stafford Township School District for the health and safety of your child.

MEDICATION POLICY: A note from the parent/guardian AND a note from the doctor are required for ANY medication to be given by the school nurse. The doctor's order must contain the diagnosis, name, dosage, route and frequency of the medication, the time the medication is to be given, and the length of time the medication is to be continued. An adult must bring all medication to the nurse in the original, properly labeled container; **students are NOT allowed to carry medication to school**, for safety reasons. This policy applies to all non-prescription medicines (cough drops, lip balm, cough syrup, Tylenol, Advil, etc.) and all prescription medicines. If your child takes medication on a regular basis in school, a new parent/guardian/M.D. note must be brought in at the beginning of each school year. Please contact your school nurse for the necessary forms.

For **life threatening illness** (asthma or documented history of anaphylaxis) students **may** be permitted to carry and self-administer medication. If you think this is indicated for your child, contact your school nurse and she will give you the appropriate forms, which must be completed by the prescribing physician and the parent/guardian.

For the convenience of students with asthma, there is a nebulizer in each nurse's office. Parents will be asked to provide the appropriate prescribed medication, tubing and mouthpiece or mask for their child's use. On days that the air quality is "unsafe" due to pollen/mold counts or ozone levels, parents of students with asthma or severe allergies may send a note to the teacher asking that their child not go outside.

GYM EXCUSES: The school nurse or parent/guardian may excuse a child from gym for two days, after which time a note from the doctor is needed. A child with a severe injury, extended illness, surgery or hospitalization must have a doctor's note to return to school or gym. If your child is excused from gym they may also be excluded from recess, certain class trips or other activities depending on the child's condition and an assessment of risk factors. As appropriate, the school principal will confer with the school nurse and the parent/guardian to determine if these additional limitations are necessary to provide a safe environment for the student.

ILLNESS: If your child has a fever (temperature >100), vomiting or diarrhea, please keep him/her at home for at least 24 hours after his temperature is normal (<100), or after the last episode of vomiting or diarrhea.

SCHOOL ABSENCE: It is the parent's/guardian's responsibility to log onto the Parent Portal and record your child's absence so that we know the child is safe.

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation. Please call your school nurse if you have any questions or concerns.