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A MESSAGE TO FAMILIES ABOUT PEDICULOSIS

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Dear Parent/Guardian;

Your child may have come in contact with pediculosis (head lice). Please check your child's head for live lice and/or their nits (eggs). If you find head lice, you must administer a treatment to kill the lice before your child returns to school. Wet-combing with a fine-tooth comb is a technique that assists with the removal of nits and is recommended to be employed in conjunction with a treatment to kill the lice.

A student's readmission to school is contingent upon the Parent/Guardian submitting a completed and signed "Pediculosis Treatment Form" communicating to the Principal that treatment for pediculosis (head lice) has been administered.

As per Policy 210, *Pediculosis (Head Lice)*, the following outlines the responsibilities of Parents/Guardians:

- To check their child's head for signs of pediculosis (head lice) on a regular basis but, specifically when the school has notified Parents/Guardians of a case of pediculosis (head lice) or if their child may have come into contact with pediculosis (head lice).
- To report any suspected cases of pediculosis (head lice) to the Principal.
- To treat their child with pediculosis (head lice) in accordance with the parameters and procedures of this policy.
- To submit the signed "Pediculosis Treatment Form", upon their child's return to school, to confirm that the treatment of pediculosis has been administered and to identify the type of treatment administered.
- To review with their child pediculosis (head lice) avoidance measures such as **no** head-to-head contact with other children, and **no** sharing of combs, hairbrushes, caps, hats or hair ornaments.

More information on the identification, treatment and prevention of pediculosis (head lice) is available on the school's website. A hard copy of the information posted on the school's website will be provided by the Principal if requested by the Parent/Guardian.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

J. Bortolussi
Principal

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Vice Principal