To: Parent/Guardian of ____________________________________ Date ______________

Your child was refused readmission to school because of the continued presence of head lice. Unless your child is satisfactorily treated, he/she cannot be readmitted to school. When your child returns to school, PLEASE ACCOMPANY OR HAVE AN ADULT ACCOMPANY YOUR CHILD. Your child MUST BE REEXAMINED by school personnel in the health room or office at the time of readmission.

CAUTION: ONCE A PEDICULICIDE SHAMPOO HAS BEEN USED, PLEASE DO NOT RETREAT WITHOUT READING THE PACKAGE DIRECTIONS OR CONSULTING YOUR HEALTH CARE PROVIDER. RE-TREATMENT MAY INJURE THE CHILD’S SCALP.

1. TREATMENT

   Several shampoos or products to kill head lice are on the market. Some can be bought over-the-counter, while others require a prescription from your child’s health care provider. Note: Medicaid benefits may cover the cost of prescription medications. All persons in the household, including adults, should be checked and treated, if necessary. Consult a health care provider for treatment of children under the age of 2 years or pregnant women.

2. PROCEDURE

   a. Use shampoo or products as directed on label. Note: Many of these products are applied to dry hair without adding water.
   b. Strip nits from hair by hand or with a fine-toothed comb.
   c. Repeat procedure in 7-10 days, if necessary.
   d. Wash all clothing, towels and bed linens used by persons with head lice in hot water.
   e. Soak combs and brushes in a hot water at 130 degrees for 5 to 10 minutes. Caution: Heating may cause damage.
   f. Dry clean all coats and hats that cannot be washed or put them in a hot clothes dryer for 20 minutes. You can also seal such items, including stuffed animals, in a large plastic trash bag for 2 - 2-1/2 weeks.
   g. Vacuum mattresses, pillows, chairs, and carpets.
   h. To prevent spread of head lice, do not share articles that come in contact with head, neck or shoulders. Example: combs, brushes, hair bands, scarves, hats, caps, coats, sweaters, etc.

Your child will be readmitted to school immediately after treatment is judged to be effective by the absence of lice. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your school nurse. You may also obtain information from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Website at https://www.cdc.gov/parasites/lice/.

Thank you for your cooperation.