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Dear Parents/Guardians:

**Re: Children with Health Conditions**

School staff recognizes there are students with health conditions that may impact the students' abilities to function while at school. If your child has such a health condition, it is your responsibility to inform school staff so we can support your child.

**LIFE THREATENING HEALTH CONDITIONS**

Please let the school staff know if your child has a life threatening health condition that may require emergency assistance while at school such as:

- ◆ Diabetes
- ◆ Serious heart conditions
- ◆ Blood clotting disorders
- ◆ Anaphylactic or severe allergies to food or insect stings
- ◆ Asthma that has resulted in hospitalization in the past year
- ◆ Epilepsy with a history of tonic-clonic (grand mal) seizures in the past two years
- ◆ Other health conditions, which require emergency care

School staff in partnership with you will develop a plan to ensure the safety of your child at school. This includes determining how best to respond to an emergency situation, ensuring school staff are aware of your child's health condition and emergency care, delegating staff to administer emergency medications, and providing education to other students.

School personnel will contact you every year to review your child's health condition, emergency treatment and to update the "Medical Alert List" that notifies staff of the appropriate response in an emergency. It is your responsibility to inform school staff, discuss your child's health condition with teachers and notify school staff if your child's health condition changes.

**NON-LIFE THREATENING HEALTH CONDITIONS**

If your child has a non-life threatening health condition (i.e., vision problem, hearing problem, activity limitation, mental health condition), which may affect his/her ability to function at school, please inform school staff. The school may not keep this information from year to year. It is your responsibility to inform school staff and teachers at the beginning of each school year.

**ASSISTANCE REQUIRED WITH MEDICATIONS**

School staff will give or supervise medications under the following conditions:

- (1) they are required in emergency situations,
- (2) they are required for one month or longer and must be given during school hours.

If your child requires assistance or supervision of medications under these conditions, you need to obtain a "Medication Administration Form" from school staff and complete it in conjunction with your physician. You must return the signed form along with the prescribed medication before school starts in September. These steps must be followed before medication will be given to your child. **No medications will be given without authorization from a physician.**

Sincerely,

Chris Smyth

Vice Principal Dunsmuir Middle School