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#### 8451 - ~~PEDICULOSIS~~ PARASITIC INFESTATION (HEAD LICE, BED BUGS)

~~Head lice is~~ Infestations of parasitic insects are a universal problem present in the community at all times, and is particularly prevalent among elementary school-age children. ~~Head lice are a nuisance, but do~~ Parasitic infestation is a nuisance but does not spread disease. Control of lice infestation is best handled by adequate treatment of the infested person and their immediate household and other close personal contacts. ~~Contacting head lice~~ Parasitic infestation is not an indicator of uncleanliness or socioeconomic status. ~~Head lice~~ Parasitic infestations are spread most commonly by direct head-to-head (hair to hair) contact and are not known to spread diseases. However, much less frequently they are spread by sharing clothing or belongings onto which lice parasitic insects have crawled or nits attached to shed hairs may have fallen.

Communication from the school to parents directly and through parent and classroom education to the students help increase the awareness for both parents and child. Parents need to check their child's head, body, and belongings on a regular basis for signs of head lice parasitic infestation and treat any infestation adequately and appropriately as necessary. Control depends on prompt case finding and effective treatment. promptly finding and effectively treating infestations.

The school nurse or their designee shall be the only ones authorized to conduct examinations of students for head lice.

If a student in the Corporation is found to have head lice an infestation, the school nurse or designee shall notify the parent and recommend to pick up picking up the student immediately. In the case of a pediculosis capitis (lice) infestation, the parent shall be advised to administer an FDA-approved lice treatment (e.g., pediculicide/ovicide), treatment by a qualified healthcare provider, or provider or seek treatment at a clinic specializing in lice and nit parasitic insect removal. In the case of a bed bug infestation, the student's belongings shall be sealed and provided to the parent, and the parent shall be provided information on the treatment of bites, control of the infestation, and the need to use a professional exterminator service in the home.

After treatment and upon returning to school, the student will be examined by the school nurse or designee, which who may include the principal. The Corporation practices a policy of no live lice insects and no nits as the criterion for the return to school.

The Superintendent shall prepare administrative guidelines to provide for the implementation of this policy.

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