Chambersburg Area School District 435 Stanley Ave. Chambersburg, PA 17201 263-9281

Dear Parent/Guardian:

In order to insure the optimum health and safety for your child, please note:

Beginning with the next school year, 2010-2011, the Chambersburg Area School District will no longer be providing over the counter standing order medications to students.

No medication, **prescription or over the counter**, will be administered by the nurses of the school district unless specific **written** instructions for the individual student are received from a physician. The order must include all of the following information:

- Name of the student
- Name of the medication to be given
- The exact dose of the medication to be administered
- The frequency that the medicine may be given
- The physician's signature. (This cannot be a stamp of the doctor's name nor can it be written by office staff.)
- The parent/guardian signature

Medication orders for inhalers and epi-pens must note that the student is allowed to carry and self- administer these medications, if the physician feels the student is capable of self-administering these medications.

For your convenience a district medication form is attached to this letter if your child must have prescription or over the counter medications during school hours.

Any prescription medication must be in a properly labeled pharmacy container. The instructions on the order must match the instructions on the pharmacy container or the nurses will not be able to administer the medication to your child.

Any over the counter medications ordered by the physician must be provided by the parent/guardian and sent to school in the original container with the student's name written on the bottle/package in ink or permanent marker.

Our objective is to promote, protect and maintain the health of all students during school hours and we ask for your cooperation in this endeavor. If you have any questions or concerns, you may refer to the district web site or contact your child's school nurse. We look forward to working with you and your child in the upcoming school year.

School Health Services
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