

APPENDIX B - Letter of Notification of Suspected Head Lice

(SCHOOL LETTERHEAD)

Date

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Head lice (pediculosis) have been found in your child's hair. Head lice are no reflection on the state of cleanliness; they are a recurring problem which can affect anyone in direct contact. Students are more prone to getting pediculosis because they are more likely to be in head-to-head contact.

Head lice are not a medical concern, but they are a significant nuisance for families, and need to be treated to control the spread to others. An approved treatment must be used before your child may return to school; please see the enclosed *Verification of Treatment for Pediculosis* form, which outlines the parameters required for appropriate treatment. Confidentiality for your child will be respected.

You are requested to:

- (1) read the enclosed *Pediculosis Fact Sheet*;
- (2) consult with a pharmacist or other appropriate professional about the best product to use to kill the lice;
- (3) remove all lice and nits (wet-combing with a very fine-toothed comb is effective);
- (4) complete and sign the attached *Verification of Treatment for Pediculosis* form and return it to the school office.
- (5) return with your child to school when treatment has been successfully completed.

We thank you very much for your prompt attention in this matter and for your cooperation.

Sincerely,
Principal