**End of Year Medication Pick-Up Information**

Dear Parent/Guardian:

New York State regulations require medicines kept at school be picked up by an adult at the end of the school year unless other arrangements are made. This includes asthma inhalers and epinephrine auto-Injectors.
If your child has permission to carry their own medication, they may bring it home themselves.

**All medications kept at school will be discarded once expired or discontinued.**

**Medication Information for Next Year**

**Forms for next year are:** ❑ On the district website ❑ In the health office

**It is the parent’s responsibility to monitor medication expiration dates.**

* **Health care provider orders and parent permission** for all prescription and non-prescription medicines used at school **must be provided each new school year**.
* If your child is diagnosed with: life-threatening allergies, diabetes or asthma/other respiratory condition and will need to carry and use their own medicine at school, **your** **health care provider must write a statement (attest**) **that they observed your child demonstrate how to take their medicine correctly**.
* Epinephrine is the best treatment for life-threatening allergy. Current American Academy of Pediatrics recommended doses are 0.15-mg, for children 33-55 lbs and 0.30-mg. for children 55 lbs or more. The dose should be reviewed as your child’s weight increases.
* If your child uses an asthma inhaler at school, please:
	+ Ask the pharmacist to place a label the inhaler itself, not just the box.
	+ Ask your health care provider about a spacer (holding chamber) to help all the inhaler medicine get into the lungs. Many insurance companies will pay for one at home and school.
* **Please ask the pharmacist for a second identically labeled container for any prescription medications your student will take at school and bring small containers of any OTC medications that your child will take.** This will allow the school to send these medications on field trips and follow the New York State laws.

**Please return forms to the school health office before the start of the school.**

**If you have questions please contact:**

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