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Dear Parents/Guardians:

The Connecticut State Legislature has enacted a new law, Public Act 14-176, which has amended the previous law pertaining to the administering of an Epi-pen for emergency first aid to students who experience potentially life threatening allergic reactions.

The intent of the new law is to provide emergency care to a student who may experience a life-threatening allergic reaction and who **does not** have a medical precondition on file with the school nurse and/or written authorization for the administering of an Epi-pen at the school. Under this new legislation, the school nurse or trained staff (in the absence of the nurse) may administer, under emergency situations, an Epi-pen to a student with an undiagnosed medical condition who may manifest signs and/or symptoms of a severe allergic reaction. Clearly, in all cases of this nature, emergency responders will be called to the school to address the situation.

It is important to note that parents/guardians have the right to reject the use of an Epi-pen in cases as described above. In order to do so, parents and/or guardians must submit in writing a letter to the school nurse specifically requesting that their child be exempt from this new medical procedure. In the absence of such a letter, an Epi-pen will be administered for emergency situations.

If you should have any questions, please feel to contact your school nurse at your convenience. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Dr Maynard M. Suffredini, Jr.
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