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POLICY

SUBJECT: **HEAD LICE**

It is recognized that head lice infestations are considered by public health as a nuisance condition. The Board of Education for School District No. 78 (Fraser-Cascade) believes it is necessary to remain proactive in dealing with head lice.

Keeping students in the classroom is the priority even while simultaneously assisting individuals who have head lice, or taking reasonable steps to minimize the spread of head lice.

By working cooperatively with the public health nurse and parents or guardians, the Board desires that schools remain well informed regarding identification and treatment of head lice.



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REGULATIONS

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Procedures for the Control of Head Lice and/or Nits

1.
 - a. Information regarding the detection and treatment of head lice will be distributed to parents or guardians of all elementary schools.
 - b. The package of materials will be developed in collaboration with Fraser Health.
 - c. The school Principal is responsible for the distribution of materials in September of each school year.
 - d. Principals will also distribute copies of the Head Lice Policy and Regulation.
2.
 - a. Schools are encouraged to develop a screening process using trained volunteers to conduct head lice inspections. The Public Health Nurse should be consulted to provide the necessary training in developing the process. The involvement of the school's Parent Advisory Committee is encouraged. Notification to parents or guardians describing the screening process should take place before the process is put into practice.
 - b. Upon confirmation of head lice, the infested student will remain in the classroom.
 - c. The parent or guardian will be contacted to begin treatment and will be provided information about treatment options recommended by Fraser Health.
 - d. Where parents or guardians require supplementary information and support in dealing with a head lice problem, it is recommended that a public health nurse be involved through Fraser Health. Support for school principals is also available through Student Services in the school district.