

# School District No. 22 (Vernon)

# PROCEDURE

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## HEAD LICE INFESTATIONS IN THE SCHOOL

### Continued Head Lice Infestation in the School

#### Preamble

It is the Board's view that while treatment is the responsibility of the parent or guardian, schools, in the interest of promoting healthy, safe and caring school environments, will be pro-active in the elimination of head lice in schools. The successful implementation of the procedures depends to a large extent upon the full cooperation of the parents, especially if the lice have infested the home. In rare cases, some parents have not seen fit to follow the suggested procedures. In these instances, schools have been faced with recurring instances of head lice infestations spread by children from these homes. This has resulted in additional loss of instructional time for all students and further disruptions to the family homes of many other students.

#### Intent

This procedure is intended to be used in the event a parent or family will not cooperate with the recommendations for the management of head lice infestations at home resulting in continued infestations at school.

#### Procedure

1. Schools will make information from the Interior health Authority, regarding head lice available to the parents. Parents will be advised that they have the responsibility to inform the school if their child is found to have head lice.
2. Schools may decide to conduct regular head checks using volunteers. Parents objecting to this procedure may inform the school administration in writing so that an alternate method may be determined (administrator, school nurse, doctor)

3. When a child is identified as having head lice, the parents will be contacted and arrangements made for the child to receive treatment. Written information from the Interior health Authority will be provided to parents to assist them in their child's treatment.
4. If, in the opinion of the school principal, there is evidence to suggest that the parent of a child is unwilling to make every effort to ensure his/her child is free of lice and the lice infestation at the school continues, the principal may send the child home.
5. An educational program will continue to be offered to the child at home.
6. As soon as practicable thereafter, the school principal shall contact the school nurse and jointly arrange to meet with the parent(s) of the students. The purpose of the meeting will be to determine an efficient and effective way to ensure the student is free from head lice before returning to school.
7. Principals will inform parents of other students in the class where a case of head lice has been detected.