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STUDENT SUPPORT INITIATIVES & RECOVERY

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TO: All Principals

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SUBJECT: PARENT/GUARDIAN CONSENT FOR SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES



ACTION: Schools must obtain parent/guardian consent for school health services. All parents must provide written consent if they wish for their child to receive school health services. The attached consent form should be distributed to all parents/guardians immediately. Schools should exhaust all options necessary to obtain parent/guardian consent.

RATIONALE: Under new Fla. Stat. § 1014.06, licensed health care providers and practitioners as defined in Fla. Stat. § 456.001 may not provide, solicit, or arrange to provide health care services to children without first receiving written parental consent. Schools should note that § 1014.06 provides that violators will be subject to disciplinary action under licensing statutes, administrative fines, and potential criminal action.

The Parents' Bill of Rights allows parents to do the following:

- Access and review all medical records (unless the parent is the subject of a criminal investigation for harm to a child).
- Opt out of HIV/Aids education for their child.
- Opt out of any portion of the school district's comprehensive health and sex education.
- Reject medical treatment for a child unless the state can prove the child's own welfare would be best served by such treatment.
- Exempt a student from required immunizations.
- Create a list of people, by priority, who may consent to the medical care or treatment of a minor when a parent or legal guardian can't be reached.

For questions or additional information, please contact Coordinated Student Health Services Department at 754-321-1575.

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Attachment

c: Senior Leadership Team