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PEDICULOSIS (LICE)

Background

The Division recognizes the concern represented by the transmission of pediculosis in schools and therefore encourages close communication between school staff, parents and public health nurses regarding the detection and resolution of instances of pediculosis. Care will be taken to protect the individual from undue invasion of privacy.

Procedures

School staff will work with public health authorities and School Councils to describe and then communicate to parents both preventative and remedial procedures for dealing with instances of pediculosis. Refer to Appendix for additional information as a reference only.

1. Students will not be permitted to return to school until they have undergone a recommended course of treatment.
 - 1.1 Students with head lice will be checked upon their return.
 - 1.2 Should live lice be found during this check, the student will not be allowed to return to school.
2. If there are ongoing concerns about particular cases not responding or being compliant with therapy, then the Principal or designate will inform the Public Health Authority of these concerns.

Reference: Section 18, 20, 45, 60, 61, 113 School Act
Public Health Act