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Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we begin the 2016-17 school year, we would like to inform you about the District of Columbia’s “Access to Emergency Epinephrine in Schools Amendment Act of 2015” a new local law that enables our school to provide emergency assistance to students experiencing anaphylaxis during the school day or at any school sponsored activity.

Anaphylaxis is a severe allergic reaction most commonly caused by insect stings or bites, medication and eating certain foods (*i.e.* nuts or fish). In the presence of these substances that the body deems harmful, the immune system becomes sensitive to it. As a result, the body typically responds with severe swelling of the lips, hives, and low blood pressure or trouble breathing. If a student experiencing anaphylaxis does not receive intervention in a timely manner, their symptoms can become life threatening.

To prevent a reaction from becoming life-threatening, we now have epinephrine auto-injectors stocked in our school in case of emergency. At least two trained staff members will be in the school building at all times.

In the event of an anaphylactic emergency, your child’s school will take the following steps:

1. Administer the epinephrine auto-injection at the first sign of a known or suspected anaphylactic reaction
2. Call 9-1-1
3. Monitor the student for the need of a second dose prior to when emergency responders arrive.

For any questions about this new initiative, please contact us at:

*[Enter School Contact info here]*