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Dear Parents/Guardians;

School has only begun and we have already noticed head lice among some of our students. According to the CDC, as mentioned at the following web site (<https://www.cdc.gov/parasites/lice/head/treatment.html>), “Personal hygiene or cleanliness in the home or school has nothing to do with getting head lice”. This letter is to let you know how TISD is dealing with the lice problem. Here is a step-by-step:

1. When we notice a student with lice we check everyone in the classroom, teacher included, to see if others are infested.
2. For infected students we will call the parent and ask them to pick up the child. If that is not possible, we will discretely separate to avoid infecting the other students.
3. If the child goes home for the day, their assignments and articles of clothing (that may be infected) will be sent as well.
4. At home, the parent should apply a treatment shampoo which can be purchased from a local store. Lately, some parents have been using a prescription shampoo.
5. After shampooing, comb dead and remaining live lice out using a fine-toothed nit comb. A comb called the *Nit-Free-Terminator* has worked well for some folks.
6. Most students require re-treatment after about one week.
7. Wash bedding and clothing in hot water and machine dry. Non-washable items can be placed in an airtight plastic bag for two weeks. Vacuuming the carpet is recommended.

8. The student should return to school after the initial treatment with monitoring by parents and school.

By careful monitoring and vigilance, together we can keep the problem in check. If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions, please don't hesitate to call. Thanks so much for your support.

Sincerely,

Terrell Jones

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