New Practice in Schools for Head Lice

CUSD recently changed its "no nit" practice on Head Lice in schools. This change in practice is in an effort to bring schools in alignment with CUSD Governing Board Policy 5141.33 on Head Lice. As in the past, students will be excluded from school when found with:

- 1) Active, adult head lice OR
- 2) Nits where there is no record of treatment OR
- 3) Any combination of the two

Students will not be readmitted to school with active, adult head lice.

New practice in schools effective immediately:

Students will be readmitted as early as the following day with <u>TREATED</u> nits (consistent with *BP 5141.33* as well as current medical and health opinion).

Parents/Guardians are to:

1) Accompany your child to the school office prior to re-admittance to detail the method of treatment to the principal/designee (this can be done by showing an original receipt for treatment or an empty treatment bottle). Principal/designee will re-inspect the student for active, adult head lice before sending the student to class. Students free of active, adult head lice will be permitted in class.

OR

2) Send your child to school office prior to reporting to class with a written/signed explanation describing the method of treatment. Principal/designee will re-inspect the student for active, adult head lice before sending the student to class. Students free of active, adult head lice will be permitted in class.

Principal/designee will also re-inspect those students who return to class with treated nits within 7-10 days. Students found with reoccurring active, adult head lice will be sent home. A "no nit" practice will be applied to students experiencing a second outbreak within a 30 day period of time. To read CUSD Governing Board Policy 5141.33, please visit the district website at: http://www.cabrillo.k12.ca.us/CUSD_topic/board.htm.