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Dear Parent or Guardian:

While screening students for pediculosis (head lice), we have found nits (eggs laid by head lice) in your child's hair. You may already be aware of this and may already have used a shampoo specific for head lice.

If you are unaware of this problem, please examine your child's head under a strong light. The nits (eggs) are white and look similar to grains of salt, except they are difficult to remove from the hair strand. They frequently are located at the nape of the neck. Sometimes, the small gray adult lice can be seen crawling through the hair. You will notice your child scratching his/her head very frequently, as well.

According to district procedure, any child with lice or nits shall be excluded from school until adequately treated and all nits removed. The nits have to be pulled off or cut out individually. This is the only way to bring this problem under control. Your child must be rescreened before being admitted back to class. If the nits are still present when we rescreen your child, you will be asked to take your child home from school.

To ensure the problem is under control, we are requesting that you answer the questions on the attached form and bring the Head Lice Treatment Verification Form to the school office when your child returns to school.

If you have any questions, please contact your school's secretary.

Thank you for your assistance.

Riverview School District Health Services