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Dear Parents:

As the health and building leadership for High Peaks Elementary in Boulder Valley School District, we would like to ask for your assistance and cooperation in several health related matters.

As you may be aware, chronic health conditions, such as allergies and diabetes are on the rise. We have students who are medically fragile entering our schools. Some of the decisions we each make as parents, educators and health providers can be critical for all students. For this reason, we ask that you consider the following:

- If your child is new to the school or the district and has health care needs, please include that information on the registration materials, alert the principal and health room para.
- If your child has significant health needs, particularly if there are medical orders for medications or treatments, please meet with school and health personnel as soon as possible to avoid a delay in school attendance until the district can adequately and safely meet your student's needs.
- Each school year has unique situations, so please update the school through the health office regarding your student's health needs yearly or more often.
- If your student is participating in out of the building activities, field trips or extra curricular activities that may require special planning, please alert the school of these and consider having a family member accompany your student for some events.

For the sake of the student with health concerns, we ask that you consider the following:

- Please be considerate of students with significant, sometimes life threatening allergies. Consider the food you supply for your student or school events. Consider this for projects that may bring foreign materials into the school. You may receive notification of specific health conditions or allergies in your student's school.
- Please alert the health office if your child has signs or confirmation of an illness that may be contagious. Consider keeping him/her out of school. Some students do not have a normal ability to fight infections.
- Consider regular health screening. The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends yearly health screening and your provider can access what is recommended according to age. The school district provides vision and hearing screening for those pre-K, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 5th, 7th and 9th. If your student is new to the district or you have a concern, please alert the health room.
- Consider immunizations that comply with the state recommendations. The recommendations can be found via our website: www.bvsd.org or <http://www.cdph.state.co.us/dc/Immunization/index.html>.

Thank you so much for your kind consideration of the needs of all students, including your own.

Sincerely,

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