Date

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Several cases of Pediculosis (head lice) have been discovered in the school. Pediculosis is highly communicable and it is advisable to let you know of the conditions and to present information that may be helpful.

Pediculosis may be transmitted from clothing like a coat or scarf; from personal items like a comb; or directly from person to person.

An incident of Pediculosis is not a sign of uncleanliness or lack of concern for a child's health. The concern in the school is the fact that Pediculosis can spread very rapidly and infest a great number of persons. Your diligent care can help prevent the spread to your child or home.

The symptoms of head lice are:

* Persistent itching -- infected scratches or rash on the scalp
* Nits -- small silvery eggs attached to individual hairs

To detect these hard-to-discover head lice, a close examination of the scalp and hair is necessary. Care should be taken to check the back of the head and behind the ears.

If you detect Pediculosis, you may purchase several effective shampoos or seek the advice of your physician. Students detected to have Pediculosis will be excluded from school by the nurse, and you will receive written notice.

If you have questions, please telephone the Principal or School Nurse.

Sincerely,

Michael W. Delahanty,
Superintendent of Schools