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Dear Parent/Guardian,

I would like to take a minute to discuss your child's seizure disorder and school field trips. Your child's physician may have ordered an emergency anticonvulsant medication, midazolam or diazepam, to be given to your child if he/she has a seizure lasting more than 5 minutes. In the past a Nurse has accompanied your child on a field trip if you were unable to attend. We will no longer send these medications on school field trips. Our new Seizure protocol regarding seizures guides trained staff member to call 911 at the onset of any seizure while on a school field trip. They are to remain with the student making sure the area around them is clear to prevent injury and there is nothing near the mouth while turning them on their side. Once EMS (emergency medical services) has arrived they will assess the student and give medication if indicated while protecting the student's airway. The staff will call the school to let them know the student is being transported to the hospital. School staff will then call the emergency contact for the student making them aware student was transported to the hospital (specific name to be given determined by location of the field trip). We feel this is the safest way to care for your child while protecting their privacy and respiratory status when a seizure occurs.

Thank you for your time and cooperation in this matter. If you should have questions, please[™] call your school nurse directly:

Kelly Stowell, RN MSN

District Nurse Leader

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"Quality Education for All Learners"

The Dartmouth Public Schools, in partnership with parents and the community, will deliver challenging, standards-based instruction for all students that fosters academic, physical, social and emotional development. Utilizing data analysis to drive instruction, we will implement specific strategies to support every student to think critically, solve problems and become a responsible, contributing citizen. Our high school graduates will possess the required skills and knowledge necessary to thrive in their academic and vocational ambitions.

