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RE: Unassigned Stock Epinephrine Program Implementation

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As part of our ongoing commitment to student safety and well-being, we are writing to inform you about an important development within Great Hearts Texas. We have recently implemented an Unassigned Stock Epinephrine Program in accordance with the guidelines set forth by the Texas Department of State Health Services and the Great Hearts Texas. This program is designed to enhance our ability to respond effectively to severe allergic reactions, including anaphylaxis, that may occur on campus.

Anaphylaxis is a serious and potentially life-threatening allergic reaction that requires immediate intervention. Epinephrine is a medication that can quickly reverse the symptoms of anaphylaxis and is the first-line treatment in such emergencies.

Key Points of the Unassigned Stock Epinephrine Program:

1. **PURPOSE:** The primary objective of this program is to provide a swift response to any student, staff member, or visitor who may experience an allergic reaction while on campus, even if they do not have a known history of severe allergies.
2. **STOCK EPINEPHRINE:** We now have a supply of unassigned stock epinephrine on campus. This medication is intended for use in emergencies and will be administered by trained school personnel when appropriate.
3. **TRAINING:** Our designated staff members have received comprehensive training on how to recognize the signs of anaphylaxis, administer epinephrine, and provide appropriate follow-up care while waiting for medical professionals to arrive.
4. **PARENTAL NOTIFICATION:** If your child has a known severe allergy and requires an epinephrine auto-injector, we urge you to ensure that they have one available at all times. If your child's epinephrine supply is not readily accessible or expires, please provide a new prescription to our school nurse as soon as possible. While the unassigned stock epinephrine is available for emergencies, it is not a replacement for an individual's prescribed epinephrine auto-injector.
5. **CONFIDENTIALITY:** Please be assured that all medical information, including any known allergies, will be treated with the utmost confidentiality, and will only be shared with authorized personnel as necessary.

We believe that the implementation of the Unassigned Stock Epinephrine Program will further enhance the safety and well-being of all members of our school community.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us create a safe and nurturing learning environment for our students. We look forward to welcoming everyone back for the upcoming school year.

Sincerely,

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