

Pupil Services Department

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Parents or Guardians,

A few years ago, Community Consolidated School District 46 has moved away from a no-nit policy, due to doctors from the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) (please read) no longer endorsing a no-nit policy, nor do they recommend sending a child home from school. Furthermore, the AAP notes that infestations are neither a health hazard nor sign of poor hygiene but can result in significant stigma and psychological stress. CCSD 46 will be continuing to follow this practice in responding to known cases of head lice.

When/if a student or adult reports a head condition/possible concern, the student is sent to the nurse. If a student is found to have live lice or nits while at school, the parent is notified by the nurse and evidence-based treatment options are discussed. Find more information on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Illinois Department of Public Health websites.