

Audrey Qualls (Legal Affairs)

Subject: FW: Reassignment of Clinician/Nurses

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Sent: Wednesday, August 5, 2015 5:48:34 PM

To: Vickie Turner (School Board Members)

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Subject: Fwd: Request for a Registered Nurse at E.L. Bouie

Mrs. Turner,

I would like to ask your assistance with the issue below...

My mom and I have requested that a registered nurse be assigned to E.L. Bouie Traditional Theme school. My daughter, _____, is a rising _____ grader who was _____ in January of 2015. She _____ The clinician at the school does not _____ a registered nurse from a neighboring school comes _____ If the nurse is running late, _____ This could _____ time.

_____ as they occur, however, we were told by the lead nurse, Ms. Harris, that DeKalb only administers insulin shots at lunch, and with the nurse travelling between sites, she is only at E. L. Bouie for about an hour each day at lunchtime. We would like _____ to be able to participate fully in all activities at the school, including school parties and club meetings, etc. and to eat and _____ as needed for additional food that is consumed or to _____

Our requests for support for _____ started in late May of 2015 right before Field Day. We have spoken to Linda Harris-Lead Nurse, Dr. Tinsley-Student Support and Dr. Thompson. We have spoken several times with each over the period of June and July. Finally, we were told by Dr. Tinsley on August 3, 2015, that our request has been denied. Needless to say we were disappointed in the prolonging of this process only to have our request denied. Dr. Tinsley shared with us that although there are a number of schools that are staffed with registered nurses who do not have children with Diabetes, there could very well be other health conditions that these nurses presently address. Although we listened carefully to Dr. Tinsley's rationale, we feel that Type 1 Diabetes is just as serious as any other health condition and deserves the same level of attention and support. If there are not enough registered nurses to support all students in need of their services, we believe it is the responsibility of the District to remedy that situation so that all students with life-threatening conditions receive adequate and timely care. We realize situations may change, however, we are dealing with the NOW, and currently as of the end of the 2014-2015 school year, E.L. Bouie had two Type 1 diabetic students enrolled. We feel that a registered nurse will minimize the possibility that diabetic related emergencies will arise.

Currently administrators at the school can assign other tasks to the clinician outside of the duties required to care for students. This may mean that when _____ is sent to the clinician for care due to high or low blood glucose numbers, the clinician may not be available because she is performing other duties, such as lunchroom duty, dismissal duty or covering classes for absent teachers, etc...

We would like to request that a registered nurse be assigned to E.L. Bouie Traditional Theme School for the 2015-2016 school year. We are concerned that _____ and all other who may have been diagnosed with Diabetes have the proper and appropriate support system in place on a daily basis. Due to the fact that _____ is a small child we believe this situation warrants your immediate attention. As parents and grandparents we would like to do everything to ensure that _____ is taken care of properly when not in our presence.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

(parent) &

(grandparent)