



## Naquag Elementary School

*The Wachusett Regional School District*

### **Information on Lice:**

Lice may affect anyone, regardless of background and hygiene. Lice cannot fly or jump – they are normally transferred during direct head to head contact. Cases of lice may occur during winter months, sport seasons (using helmets, etc.), recitals and after sleepovers.

To aid in preventing the spread of lice, we suggest to openly discuss the spread of lice with your family. Remind your child to be aware of their surroundings and not to share items that touch their heads like hats, helmets, hair ribbons, etc. Please check your child's hair for evidence of lice. The spread of head lice can be controlled with prompt diagnosis and effective preventative treatment.

Naquag Elementary School takes cases of lice very seriously. If a lice case is brought to the attention of Naquag School Nurse Carol Strait, each child in that classroom is checked for lice. Additionally, before returning to school, the student is checked by Nurse Strait to insure the absence of lice.

If several cases are found in a classroom, administration will send a letter home to inform parents of students in the affected classroom.

**Please notify Nurse Strait ASAP if your child has lice. This information will expedite the process of identifying and following our protocol to assist children and parents as needed.**

If you suspect your child has lice, please notify Nurse Strait at 508-886-2901. It is important that the school has accurate knowledge of this information. For additional information on how to diagnose or treat head lice, feel welcome to contact Nurse Strait and/or consult your family physician or a local pharmacist.