



Niles Elementary School District 71

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Laura Guarraci
*Director of Student
Services*

We are informing you that in accordance with [Public Act 100-0726](#), Culver School will carry stock albuterol for an asthma emergency. This action is intended to increase school safety for students with asthma. This law allows schools to maintain and administer an albuterol inhaler to treat an individual experiencing respiratory distress due to asthma while at school and school functions.

Oscar Suarez
Assistant Principal

Albuterol is an inhaled medication that quickly opens the breathing tubes or airways that move air into and out of the lungs making it easier to breathe. This medication is safe and effective. Because an asthma attack can happen at any time, immediate access to albuterol may be vital for the safety and wellbeing of individuals with asthma. School staff receiving approved training may respond immediately to an individual experiencing respiratory distress and administer stock albuterol.

While school staff will make every effort to contact parents before giving albuterol, the law allows administration of albuterol in an emergency without prior parental contact. **Please notify the school nurse in writing, if you do not wish for your child to receive stock albuterol in the event your child is assessed to be in respiratory distress due to asthma.** Respiratory distress is considered a medical emergency and if necessary, emergency medical services may be called regardless of stock albuterol administration.

If your child has asthma, please notify the school and provide us with a school medication authorization and an asthma action plan from your child's doctor if a rescue inhaler is required at school. Stock albuterol is not intended to replace a student's personal inhaler.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at the health office.

Respectfully,

Kathryn Morrissey BSN RN PEL-ILCSN