RINGWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION

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CONTAGIOUS AND LIFE THREATENING DISEASES (REGULATION)

In accordance with the policy of the board of education, the following regulation shall govern the admission and management of children with communicable diseases.

CONTAGIOUS DISEASES

Contagious diseases include the common diseases of childhood for which immunization is required before admission to school. Such diseases include but are not limited to the following:

Diphtheria,
Hepatitis A,
Hepatitis B,
Measles (Rubella and Rubeola),
Mumps
Pertussis,
Poliomyelitis, and
Tetanus

Any child afflicted with any of the above diseases may not attend school in this district until the child is declared to be free from infection, or that the disease has reached a non-communicable stage and poses no danger to students or staff. Such declaration will be by certificate from a licensed practitioner of health services.

A student who exhibits symptoms of an illness which in the opinion of the superintendent is interfering with the student's ability to perform normal school functions, or which in the opinion of the superintendent is interfering or disrupting the normal educational process may be excluded from school until the student is examined by a licensed practitioner of the health services and is declared to be free of contagious or communicable disease.

APPEAL PROCESS

A student who has been excluded from attending school under this policy, or the student's parent(s), may appeal to the board of education. The following procedures shall govern the appellate process:

- A. The student, or the student's parent(s), shall notify the superintendent of their intent to appeal as soon as possible following determination to exclude the student from attending school.
- B. Upon receiving notice of a student's or parent(s)' intent to appeal, the superintendent shall advise the president of the board of education. The appeal shall be heard by the board within ten days from the date the notice of intent is filed with the superintendent.
- C. During the hearing of the appeal, the student may be represented by legal counsel or other adult representative; may examine witnesses on his own behalf; cross examine opposing witnesses, and offer other evidence in his behalf including his own testimony.
- D. The board of education shall uphold the exclusion, modify the terms of the exclusion, or overrule the exclusion. The board shall notify the student and the student's parent(s) within five school days of its decision.

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