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TO ALL PARENTS:

I am writing to share this information with you concerning the Student Health Services (SHS). With serious budget reductions at both schools, the Ohio School for the Deaf (OSD) and the Ohio State School for the Blind (OSSB), we are faced with challenges to make some changes in the way we operate.

For the past year, OSD has begun to streamline some of our services by implementing the sharing of services with OSSB – e.g., two business offices into one; two human resources offices into one; two safety and security services into one; two building maintenance and custodial services into one resulting in savings for both schools.

This month, we are consolidating the two Student Health Services **during the overnight shift** (10 p.m. to 6 a.m.) into one with OSSB being the location for SHS services. OSSB is 1.15 miles from OSD and the driving time is approximately 2 minutes. SHS at OSD will remain open and operate from 6 a.m. until 10 p.m.

It is important to note that when a student becomes sick during the overnight hours, a youth leader will contact a nurse at OSSB SHS. The OSSB nurse will access to OSD students' medical records and will make a determination as to what type of care the student needs. If the student needs to be seen by a nurse, the youth leader at OSD will transport the student to OSSB SHS.

Upon arriving at OSSB SHS, the nurse will make a determination whether or not to keep the student at OSSB SHS overnight. If the student stays at OSSB SHS overnight, an OSD driver will pick the student up at 6:30 a.m. and transport the student back to the OSD SHS. An OSD nurse will make a determination whether the student is well enough to be sent to school. If the student remains ill, the nurse may contact the parents to come to pick up the student.

The quality of health care for our students will remain the same; however, from a different location due to budgetary issues. We are committed to providing the best services to our students.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact me at Corbett@osd.oh.gov and/or Ms. Dawn Henslee at dhenslee@ossb.oh.gov. Ms. Henslee is our nursing supervisor for both OSD and OSSB SHS. She is a registered nurse with extensive background in nursing and program coordination.

Enjoy your Autumn! Fall represents a change in the season and it also signifies the change OSD is experiencing this year.

Sincerely,

Edward E. Corbett, Jr.
Superintendent

