May 31, 2022

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Dear **REDACTED** ,

It came to our attention on Friday, May 27 that there was a discrepancy in medication on hand for a student at Green Briar East Elementary School. After being notified about this, we began an investigation including an audit of the medications at the school. As a result of our preliminary investigation, we have concluded that the discrepancy in medication arose from a health department employee diverting medication belonging to students. Your student **REDACTED** medication was part of this diversion, and we have reason to believe that the employee may have on occasion given your child a generic over the counter antihistamine in lieu of her prescribed medication.

We also made a report to the Fairfax County Police Department. The case number for this investigation is 20221470199 and you can reach out to the Fair Oaks District Station at 703-591-0966 if you have questions about their investigation.

Based on the information we have learned about the employee's behavior and actions, we have placed the employee on administrative leave and are moving to terminate their employment with the county. We will continue to look carefully at the documentation and other information to gain further understanding about this situation. I am so sorry that this has happened, and I want to reassure you that we will do everything in our power to ensure that this kind of situation does not happen again. Keeping our students healthy and safe is a priority of the health department.

If you have questions or concerns, please reach out to me or to our School Health Division Director, Robin Wallin (robin.wallin@fairfaxcounty.gov or 703-246-3658.)

Sincerely,

Gloria Addo-Ayensu, MD, MPH
Director of Health