PLAINVIEW-OLD BETHPAGE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT Plainview, NY 11803

MEDICATION POLICY

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Under certain circumstances, it may be necessary for your child to take <u>MEDICATION</u>, <u>EITHER PRESCRIPTION OR NON-PRESCRIPTION</u>, during the school day. Following are the New York State laws regarding the administration of all medications:

- A <u>written</u> request from your family physician must accompany the medication indicating the dosage, frequency, time, duration and any side effects of the medication.
- A <u>written</u> request from the parent to administer the medication must also accompany the medication. A new form MUST be filled out by the family physician and written permission obtained from the parent for any <u>CHANGE OF MEDICATION</u> OR DOSAGE.
- Medication must come in the original pharmacist's container. Many pharmacists
 are aware that medication may need to be taken in school and will dispense it in two
 containers if requested to do so. PARENTS MUST BRING THE MEDICATION TO
 THE NURSE.
- Children may never bring medicated cough drops or any other medication to school. These precautions are advocated to protect all children in the school, as well as your child, and to comply with the directives of the State Education Department.

THE ABOVE PROCEDURES MUST BE REPEATED FOR EACH SCHOOL YEAR

Please be assured that these requirements are for the safety of your child. Under no circumstances will medication be given if the above requirements are not met.

Physician or parental permission by phone is not permissible. Permission forms may be obtained from the school Nurse.

At the end of the school year, **PARENTS** must pick up all medication.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.