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Dear Parents/Guardians:

First State School is a highly specialized school established to provide comprehensive medical care and treatment for children and adolescents, enabling them to continue their education while managing their chronic medical illness. The Mission Statement is as follows:

At the First State School, day to day intensive individually planned services, educational services, medical and total case management are provided in a setting where children and adolescents can grow socially, emotionally, and intellectually

The foundation of First State School is based upon some of the following program guidelines for chronically ill children and adolescents:

- **Students will attend when they are sick.** This is the founding principle for the creation of First State School. Chronically ill students, prior to this opportunity, missed significant school time and were unsuccessful in their academics. Our goal is to educate young people on how to manage their illness while participating in a rigorous and engaging educational environment. Therefore, it is expected that students attend school unless they fall into the criteria of the provided sheet.
- **Summer School:** The Summer Program is required for all students attending First State School. This will focus on education both academically and in management of their illness. The same attendance rules and procedures outlined in the attachment apply.
- **Summer camp:** The camp was set up to be a program that meets the medical needs of students while exposing them to community and recreational opportunities. This experience allows students to grow into well-rounded adults.

Each student has their own individual treatment plan. The plan will be adjusted as we get to know the student better. The following are guidelines that we would like to share with you identifying all of the team's responsibilities:

Medical Staff:

- Monitor your child's medical condition and provide treatment as necessary;
- Teach you and your child about his or her illness and help you get answers to your questions;
- Provide information and support to you and your child so that your child can learn to handle age-appropriate responsibilities for his/her illness and general health;
- Identify individual medical goals for your child;
- Communicate with you so you are aware of your child's progress or barriers to progress.

Educational Staff

- Provide appropriate academic instruction to your child;
- Provide information and support to you and your child so that your child can be successful in school;
- Identify individual academic and behavioral goals for your child in the classroom;
- Communicate with you so that you are aware of your child's progress or barriers to progress.

Counseling Staff:

- Provide counseling to your child and family to support effective management of the disease and to address any emotional issues that affect the illness or the child's functioning;
- Provide support and consultation to medical and educational staff to develop a comprehensive treatment plan for your child;
- Coordinate the school's positive behavior system and students' individual goals;
- Communicate with you so that you are aware of your child's progress or barriers to progress.

All Staff:

- Support, nurture, and encourage your child ;
- Provide supervision and guidance to insure a safe and positive school environment;
- Advocate for your child to receive necessary services;
- Communicate with you so that you are aware of issues that affect your child or family.

My Child:

- Follow the Code of Student Conduct and other school rules;
- Work on medical and educational goals;
- Participate appropriately in school activities;
- Work on learning to make good decisions and increase age-appropriate responsibility;
- Communicate with parent(s) and staff so that we are aware of special needs and concerns of the student.

