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TO: Superintendents of Schools
School Nurse Supervisors

FROM: Stefan Pryor
Commissioner of Education

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SUBJECT: 2012-13 Annual Identification of Students without Health Insurance

In May 2008, the Connecticut State Department of Education, in collaboration with the Department of Social Services, requested that school districts establish a systematic approach to identify students who lack health insurance and develop a system to consistently provide families of students identified as lacking health insurance with HUSKY information. This ongoing effort fulfills Section 10-206c of the Connecticut General Statutes' requirement that local school districts identify children who lack health insurance and provide information to their parents about the HUSKY plan. This memo serves as a reminder to school districts of the mandate to annually identify students without health insurance.

Approaches to identifying students who lack health insurance include capturing information from:

- the required health assessment form for students entering school and again in Grades 6 or 7 and 9 or 10; and
- the annual emergency contact forms for all students enrolled in the district.

In addition to these approaches, the individual school district may have other systems in place, such as parent liaisons, school-based health centers and family resource centers that may be critical partners in providing families with HUSKY information. Attached are sample HUSKY forms in English and Spanish for parents or guardians.

Questions about the HUSKY plan, enrollment or applications, should be directed to the HUSKY information hotline at 1-877-CT-HUSKY or visit their Web site at www.huskyhealth.com. If you have questions regarding annual identification of students without health insurance, please contact Stephanie Knutson, School Health Consultant at 860-807-2108 or stephanie.knutson@ct.gov.

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