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Dear Parent/Legal Guardian:

In accordance with the "School Access to Emergency Epinephrine Act," that was recently introduced into law, George West School District will maintain a stock supply of EpiPens in each school. The Act gives school nurses and other designated school personnel authority to administer the EpiPen to any student or other individual on school premises whom they believe in good faith is experiencing anaphylaxis.

The EpiPen is an auto-injector prefilled with epinephrine; the drug of choice for the emergency treatment of severe allergic reactions (anaphylaxis) to insect stings or bites, foods, drugs, and other allergens.

School nurses and designated school personnel will be assigned and trained on the proper technique of Epi-Pen administration.

Protocol requires that any time an EpiPen is administered; the individual must be transported via ambulance to the Emergency Room at the parent/guardian's expense.

If your child has been diagnosed with an allergy/health condition that requires the use of an EpiPen, it is still your responsibility to provide your child's prescribed EpiPen to the school nurse on or before the first day of class along with medical orders.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call 361-449-1914 ext. 1062, or email at <u>rclayton@gwisd.esc2.net</u>.

Kind regards,

Rachael Clayton, RN

**GWISD School Nurse**