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Dear <<Principal Name>>,

I am writing to you as a concerned member of the community about an issue close to my heart and to request your help. <<Insert personal story here if desired>>

You may have heard the heartbreaking story of Rory Staunton, a 12-year-old boy from Queens, New York. Rory tragically lost this life after a simple scrape from playing basketball at school became infected, leading to sepsis. His story underscores the crucial role teachers and school nurses play in infection prevention and protecting students from sepsis.

Sepsis is the body’s disordered response to an infection, which causes the vital organs to shut down. 350,000 Americans die each year from sepsis, including 7,000 children, and countless more are left with life altering disabilities.

In response to their devastating loss, Rory’s parents founded [END SEPSIS, the Legacy of Rory Staunton](http://endsepsis.org/) to increase awareness of sepsis and facilitate improved sepsis policies for hospitals and other healthcare facilities. **They are leading a nationwide education campaign for school principals, teachers and nurses.** School nurses play a vital role in helping children stay as healthy as possible and managing emergencies, injuries and wounds during school hours. They can also educate students and staff on infection prevention and sepsis awareness, promoting a healthier school environment.

**I am asking that you share** [**this poster**](https://www.endsepsis.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/RO_SignsofSepsisChildrenV3.pdf) **showing the signs of sepsis in children with your school nurse and teaching staff to be displayed in the nurse’s office and elsewhere – it could save the life of a child in your school community.**

END SEPSIS also has a comprehensive K-12 infection and sepsis curriculum available to schools free of charge. The curriculum was developed in collaboration with the New York State Department of Education and the American Federation of Teachers. It features complete lesson

plans, a short video and supplementary materials designed to educate students about infection prevention and the importance of early intervention in sepsis cases. Download the curriculum [here](https://www.endsepsis.org/sepsis-in-schools/).

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please contact me or visit [endepsis.org](http://www.endsepsis.org/), for more information.

<<Name and contact information>>