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To: Parents and Guardians of all BHA Students

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Subject: **Type 1 Diabetes Education Parental Notification, Act 117 of 2024**

This law was signed by the Governor on **October 29, 2024**, and is part of the **Pennsylvania Public School Code of 1949**. It adds a new section (Section 1414.12) aimed at providing **parents and guardians with educational materials about Type 1 diabetes**. The key components are:

- **Development of educational materials:** The Pennsylvania **Department of Health** must create informational materials about Type 1 diabetes for parents and guardians. These materials can include explanations of the disease, risk factors, warning signs, screening processes, and recommendations for follow-up care. (Attached)
- **Updates and accessibility:** The Department must periodically update these materials and publish them on its publicly accessible website.
- **Distribution through schools:** Starting in the **2025–2026 school year**, school districts (and other school entities) and nonpublic schools in Pennsylvania must provide these materials — in writing, electronically, or via their websites — to parents/guardians when a child first enrolls in elementary school and again when the child enters **sixth grade**.

In compliance with this Act, Behavioral Health Associates provides information on Type 1 diabetes to increase awareness of this disease in children. Please review the information provided and if you have any questions or concerns, contact your child's medical practitioner.