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Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are writing to inform you about a new school health program that will make schools safer for students. In 2019, Oklahoma passed a law that allows your child's school to maintain and administer an albuterol inhaler to treat students who experience sudden life-threatening respiratory distress while at school. Albuterol is an inhaled medication that quickly opens the tubes that move air into and out of the lung making it easier to breathe. This medication is safe and effective. Because an asthma attack can happen at any time, having quick access to albuterol is important to make schools safe for children.

Several personnel from your child's school have been trained to quickly and safely respond to respiratory emergencies. While school staff will make every effort to contact parents before giving albuterol, the law allows them to administer albuterol in an emergency without prior parental contact.

If your child has asthma, we urge you to notify us and provide us with an asthma action plan from your child's doctor. Because the stock albuterol inhaler is not intended to replace a child's personal inhaler, we also encourage you to send a personal inhaler for use at school if your child has asthma.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact the health office.

If you wish to opt out of the program, complete the form below and return this page to the school office.

Sincerely, Beggs Public School
I <b>DO NOT</b> want my child to receive stock albuterol for respiratory distress at school.
Parent/Guardian Signature