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## **MEMORANDUM**

November 3, 2005

**TO: All District Principals**

**FR: Dr. Dee S. Whinnery, Executive Director Student Services**

**RE: Administration of Psychotropic Medication; Prohibition; Conditions**

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The 2005 Florida Legislature passed SB 1090 "an act relating to mental health care services for minors and incapacitated personnel..." In that bill Section 6. Section 1006.0625, Florida Statutes, is created to read: Administration of psychotropic medication; prohibition; conditions.

- 1) As used in this section, the term "psychotropic medication" means a prescription medication that is used for the treatment of mental disorders and includes, without limitation, antihypnotics, antipsychotics, antidepressants, anxiety agents, sedatives, psychomotor stimulants, and mood stabilizers.
- 2) A public school may not deny any student access to programs or services because the parent of the student has refused to place the student on psychotropic medication.
- 3) A public school teacher and school district personnel may share school-based observations of a student's academic, functional, and behavioral performance with the student's parent and offer program options and other assistance that is available to the parent and the student based on the observations. **However, a public school teacher and school district personnel may not compel or attempt to compel any specific actions by the parent or require that a student take medication.** A parent may refuse psychological screening of the student. Any medical decision made to address a student's needs is a matter between the student, the student's parent, and a competent health care professional chosen by the parent.

Please ensure that all your teachers and staff are aware and cognizant of the content of this statute. If you have any questions you can contact Ike Isett, Coordinator Health Services at 377-0514 or at [issetik@collier.k12.fl.us](mailto:issetik@collier.k12.fl.us).

Approved on November 3, 2005, by Dr. Cynthia M. Janssen, Chief Academic Officer

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