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August 13, 2012

Mr. Robert M. Graber  
 Clerk  
 Erie County Legislature  
 92 Franklin Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
 Buffalo, NY 14202

Dear Mr. Graber:

Thank you for your letter regarding the use of sunscreen in schools.

Following consultation with the Department of Health, the State Education Department issued a memo to District Superintendents, school superintendents, and public charter and nonpublic school administrators which modified guidance by no longer requiring schools to obtain a medical provider order to allow a student to carry and use sunscreen under certain conditions.<sup>1</sup>

If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at (518) 474-5844 or [commissioner@mail.nysed.gov](mailto:commissioner@mail.nysed.gov).

Sincerely,



John B. King, Jr.  
 Commissioner

c: Hon. Lynne Dixon  
 Hon. Edward Rath, III  
 Hon. Thomas J. Mazur  
 Hon. John J. Mills  
 Hon. Lynn Marinelli

<sup>1</sup> The memo is available online at: <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/sss/schoolhealth/schoolhealthservices/>.