

## **A Partnership for Serving Children**

### Information for Parents About Glucometer Maintenance

Date:

School: Elizabeth Lane Elementary

Student:

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Because so many children with diabetes need to test their blood sugar in school, health regulations which were originally designed for private and public laboratories are now being applied to schools.

**According to the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Act (CLIA) regulations, all equipment used for blood glucose monitoring in the school setting now require regular control checks.** This regulation was established for the safety and health of children with diabetes. Since decisions regarding treatment (insulin, snacks, exercise, etc.) are usually based on the glucometer readings, it is important to know that the glucometer is functioning properly, and the results are accurate.

Since children with diabetes have many types of equipment, we are requesting that parents provide glucometer information and control check supplies to the school. If you request it, the School Nurse will perform the control check per the manufacturer's recommendation to ensure the accuracy of the equipment. If the equipment is not functioning accurately, the School Nurse will notify the parent immediately. Parents will be asked to provide replacement equipment, testing supplies, and controls when they are needed in school.

**Please check one of the following and return this form to school:**

- I request that the School Nurse do testing on my child's glucometer based on the manufacturer's recommendations. I will provide the necessary supplies, high and low controls, and a copy of the glucometer instructions.
  
- I agree to do weekly glucometer testing at home.

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you,

Amy Lattimore BSN, RN