Jersey Shore Area School District

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Dear parent /guardian, Date: _____

Due to the increasing number of severe allergic reactions requiring the use of epinephrine, a new law passed **(School Access to emergency Epinephrine Act 195 of 2014)** which allows public schools to stock epinephrine auto-injectors and train school employees to administer the medication in the case of a life threatening allergic reaction (anaphylaxis).

The Jersey Shore Area School District maintains stock epinephrine in the form of an Epipen (premeasured auto injector) at each school. If symptoms of a severe life-threatening allergic reaction are noted, the school nurse or staff trained in the symptoms of anaphylaxis and proper technique of an Epipen will administer the premeasured dose of epinephrine into the outer thigh. 911 will be called for anyone suspected of having anaphylaxis, whether or not they receive epinephrine.

A policy is in place to utilize the stock epinephrine on any student or staff showing signs of a life-threatening allergic reaction even if they never had a severe allergic reaction in the past. **Principals are required to notify parents that they may exempt their child from receiving epinephrine by signing an "opt out" form.** If your child is having a life-threatening allergic reaction and the form is signed, epinephrine will not be administered but 911 will be called immediately and the parent will be called as soon as possible.

Thank you,

Please sign below and return if you **DO NOT** want epinephrine given to your child in case of a severe allergic reaction (anaphylaxis.)

In the event that my child has symptoms of a severe allergic reaction or anaphylaxis I DO NOT wish for epinephrine to be given by trained JSASD staff.

_____ _____

Student name grade/teacher

_____ _____

Parent/Guardian signature Date

School	Phone	Fax		School	Phone	Fax
Jersey Shore Elementary	570-3987120	570-398-5624		**Jersey Shore Middle School**	570-398-7400	570-398-5618
Avis Elementary	570-753-5220	570-753-3460		**Jersey Shore High School**	570-398-7170	570-398-5612