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Dear School Superintendent:

Pennsylvania's Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) covers uninsured kids and teens up to age 19. With more than 139,000 uninsured children in Pennsylvania, this is great news for families!

CHIP provides quality, comprehensive health insurance for routine doctor visits, prescriptions, dental, eye care, eyeglasses, mental health, and much more. CHIP covers uninsured kids who are not eligible for Medical Assistance. For most families, CHIP is free – for others, it is low cost.

You're receiving this email blast because ACT 82 of 2015 requires that public and nonpublic schools receive electronic notice of the program on an annual basis no later than August 15. The notice is to be shared with every parent or guardian of every student enrolled in the district during the school year.

We ask that you send electronic notice of the CHIP flyer [CHIP School Flyer](#) to each school district under your jurisdiction at the beginning of the 2017-2018 school year with other information that is being sent in parent's packets or other information that is prepared for students to take home at that time. By distributing the flyer at the beginning of the year, we ensure that all students, including those new to your district and incoming kindergarten classes, receive the flyer and have information if they are in need.

The flyer and many more resources can be found on our website at www.CHIPcoversPAkids.com, under CHIP Resources. If you would like a CHIP representative to visit your school to provide more information to families, please contact the CHIP customer service center at 1-800-986-KIDS(5437). If you would like a black and white paper version of the notice please email ra-pw-chip-mkt-order@pa.gov. Include your name, phone number, email address, school, and intermediate unit, and a CHIP representative will contact you for additional information.

The CHIP program is pleased to partner with school districts in helping families find health insurance coverage for their children. Schools are a valuable partner in this effort. After all, healthy kids are better students.

Thank you for your assistance in helping families in need find comprehensive health insurance coverage for their children.

Sincerely,

Lisa M. Watson, Acting Executive Director
Pennsylvania Children's Health Insurance Program