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Dear Parent or Guardian,

I am honored and excited to be serving as a chaperone on the SHS Wind Ensemble's upcoming trip to Ireland. I will also serve as the medical advisor.

For those whom I have not met, a brief introduction: I am a board-certified pediatrician who has practiced at Scarsdale Pediatric Associates since 1992 and who has lived in Scarsdale since 1996. I have three children who all attended SHS, the oldest having travelled with the Wind Ensemble in 2009 and 2011. I was privileged to serve as the medical chaperone on the 2015 trip to Europe and 2017 trip to Australia.

Although we expect to have an amazing and safe trip, I always like to be as prepared as possible for any medical contingencies. I have enclosed a brief form for you to please complete and sign. Please complete it and return it to Mr. Noble as soon as possible. (this is in addition to the medical form provided by the school nurse). If your child has any significant medical issues that you would like to discuss in person, I will be available after the parents' meeting at the SHS, and can also be reached by phone at my office: (914) 725-0800 on M,T,W and Fr.

If your child is on medication that you would like **me** to administer, it must be in the original container from the pharmacy. I will not carry anyone's personal medications without their being listed on the attached form. Controlled substances such as ADHD medications must be administered by me.

If your child has an allergy that requires an Epi-pen or Auvi-Q, I strongly suggest that he/she carry one at all times, and that it has not expired. Similarly, if your child uses an asthma inhaler, he/she should always have it available. I will also have epinephrine and albuterol available.

Although we will make every effort to reach you regarding any serious medical issue, we will not prolong necessary treatment if we are unable to contact you. We will not call for minor issues such as needing Tylenol for a headache.

Thank you for your cooperation. I look forward to a fantastic experience.

Sincerely,

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