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Hello from your new school nurse, **Jennifer Atkins!**

Hello Dedham Middle School families and welcome back! I am very excited to be your children's new school nurse! Some students may already know me as I have been a school nurse at the high school for the past three years, and I substituted for a little while (including at DMS) during and before that time. I am very excited and happy to be here at DMS to take care of your children at school! There is more information about my background on the [Middle School Health Services](#) web page.

My role here at Dedham Middle School is to ensure your children are **healthy and ready to learn**, and we can work together to achieve this goal. Please assist me by sending in all new physical exam forms, and updating SNAP - or notifying me directly - if there are health condition changes I need to know about to take care of your children while they are here at DMS. As a gentle reminder, anytime your child has an illness or injury keeping them home from school, please contact us so we can plan for your child to have a smooth transition back to class. Finally, if your child needs to use durable medical equipment in the school building (e.g., crutches, scooter, wheelchair) a note from their doctor is required - it should state the specific equipment needed and approximate length of time. We will work out accommodations to help your child move from class to class safely.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call the health office to speak with me at 781-310-7008, or make an appointment to meet if you would like a longer discussion. I am also available by email and will make every effort to respond to you on a timely basis. I look forward to meeting your children in September!

Warmly,
Jennifer Atkins, BSN, RN

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