

Governor M. Jodi Rell today held a ceremony to mark the signing of a bill that requires the state Department of Education to develop regulations governing the administration of medication by school personnel and the self-administration by students of asthma inhalers and automatic epinephrine injectors – known as “epipens” – used to treat extreme allergic reactions. “Those of us who are parents know that we can’t help worrying about our youngsters,” Governor Rell said at the ceremony at Hamilton Avenue School in Greenwich. “Whether we’re sending them off to school or to summer camp or to college – wherever they are bound, we will always be concerned about them. This is especially true for parents whose children cope with problems such as asthma or life-threatening allergies to foods or insect stings. This bill makes some important steps forward in the protection of our children – and I hope will at least bring a little bit of peace of mind.”

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