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Dear Parent/Guardian of a 5th grade student:

New York State Education Law requires diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis vaccine booster for all students born on or after January 1, 1994 and entering or repeating the 6th grade.

The guidelines regarding this immunization are as follows:

Students who are entering the 6th grade on or after September 1, 2012 and who are 11 years of age or older must receive an immunization containing tetanus toxoid, diphtheria and acellular pertussis (Tdap).

Children who will be 10 years old when entering 6th grade, have two options available:

- 1.) they can be vaccinated using Boostrix before their 11th birthday
- or
- 2.) vaccination can be delayed until their 11th birthday

If your child has received a tetanus/diphtheria vaccine within two years prior to September 1, 2012 it is recommended that the immunization booster be deferred until a period of two years has lapsed from the time of immunization, however, proof of this date must be provided to the school nurse as she will track when the booster is due.

It will be required for your child to receive this immunization if they are 11 years old before entering the 6th grade in order to be permitted to attend 6th grade in September.

If your child will be 11 after September 1, 2012 he/she will be given a two week grace period to receive the vaccination after his/her 11th birthday. If your child does not receive this immunization within the two week time period he/she will be excluded from school until proof of vaccine is submitted to the school nurse.

We urge you to speak with your child's healthcare provider regarding this immunization so that your child's transition to the middle school will not be disrupted due to this law.

As soon as your child receives this immunization please provide proof to the school nurse so that it can be logged appropriately, avoiding your child's exclusion from school in September.

Please feel free to contact your school nurse or myself with any questions you may have regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

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