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Dear Parents of 6th and 11th graders,

This letter is to inform you of a change to New York State Public Health Law, section 2164, signed by Governor Cuomo on October 26, 2015.

This change requires children entering or attending 7th and 12th grade to be adequately vaccinated against meningococcal disease.

Meningococcal meningitis is a serious disease which can lead to death within hours. Survivors may be left with severe disabilities, including the loss of limbs, cognitive deficits, paralysis, deafness, or seizures.

If your child is entering 7th grade in September 2017, he/she will have to have one (1) meningococcal ACWY vaccine to attend school. If your child is entering 12th grade, he/she will have to have one (1) meningococcal ACWY vaccine **on or after his/her 16th birthday** (regardless of any previous doses) in order to attend school.

We encourage you to consult with your child's health care provider regarding his/her immunization status. Please forward documentation of any meningococcal vaccines to your child's school nurse as soon as possible so that we may update his/her health record, in order to ensure your child's smooth transition to 7th or 12th grade.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or your child's school nurse with any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
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