

June, 2016

Dear Parents,

This letter is to inform you about changes in the **immunization requirements for school attendance** related to Tdap, Varicella and Polio vaccines. This directive is from the New York State Department of Health. The key points regarding the requirements of the law and its implementation are:

- Students entering 6th grade **and** who are 11 years of age or older **must** receive an immunization containing tetanus toxoids, diphtheria, and acellular pertussis (Tdap).
- 10-year-old students who are entering 6th grade will not be required to receive a Tdap vaccine and will not be excluded from school, but they must be flagged, tracked and **immunized when they turn 11 years old.**
- Students entering 6th grade **are now required to have 2 doses** of the varicella (chicken pox) vaccine, regardless of age.
- Students must have received a polio vaccine booster at 4 years of age or older.

Please contact your Healthcare Provider as soon as possible to discuss these immunization requirements for school entry. **Please submit proof of your child's required immunizations to the Middle School Health Office on or before September 6, 2016 in an envelope (attention school nurse). Do not have your child hand this in to the classroom teacher.**

Failure to provide documentation from your Healthcare Provider will result in your child's exclusion from school.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us prior to June 24, 2016.

Sincerely,

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