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Dear Parents/ Guardians,

The state of Pennsylvania has mandated new school immunization regulations for **all grades** starting September, 2011.

Starting in September, 2011, **all students in all grades** must have the 2nd dose of Varicella (Chickenpox) Vaccine or proof of disease. If your child does not have the updated vaccines he/she will be in school provisionally. This means that you will receive a letter every 60 days until your child is vaccinated. At the end of the 240 days, if vaccines are not current, your child will be exempt from school until vaccinated.

Starting in September, 2011, **all** students entering 7th grade **will be required** by the state of Pennsylvania to have the following vaccines: Tetanus/ Diphtheria/ Acellular Pertussis (**Tdap**), and Meningococcal (**Menactra**). There will be no provisional period for these vaccines. **Students entering 7th grade must have the Tdap and Menactra Vaccine to start school in September.**

The district nurses are requesting that you prepare now for these changes and have your child vaccinated.

Any questions regarding these new state mandates may be referred to your school nurse or your health care provider.

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Anne Frederick, RN, CSN
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