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Dear Parents,

We wanted to let you know about immunization requirements that will apply to students entering 8th grade in the 21-22 school year.

All incoming 8th graders are required to provide documentation of the Tdap Vaccine (Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis) prior to the first day of school in August. In addition, the Meningococcal Conjugate Vaccine (MCV4) is required for all incoming 8th grade students.

Please check with your health care provider in the near future to ensure that your student has received the Tdap and MCV4 vaccines. Please bring one of the following forms of documentation to the school nurse as soon as you can:

1. Evidence from your student's health care provider that your student's immunizations are current or that immunization is in progress.
2. Department of Health Medical Exemption form signed by physician.
3. Department of Health Religious Exemption form signed by parent/guardian. Exemption forms may be obtained from your local health department or the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services. Note: You can no longer order exemption forms online.

In 2015, the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services revised the Code of State Regulations, Immunization Requirements for School Children. This rule establishes the minimum immunization requirements for children enrolled in schools. For additional information or questions about this requirement, contact the Bureau of Immunizations at 573.751.6124. You can reference the rule: [Missouri Secretary of State: Code of State Regulations](#).

Thank you for helping to ensure that your student meets these immunization requirements prior to the start of 8th grade. Students who do not provide this documentation will not be allowed to start 8th grade until the requirements are met.

Sincerely,

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Director of Health Services