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STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

Student Safety and Success...No Matter What!

Dear Parents/Guardians,

On June 30, 2015, Governor Brown signed into law a bill requiring California school children to be fully vaccinated, regardless of their parents' personal or religious beliefs. The bill applies to children enrolled in public or private day care, public school districts, and private schools. The law takes effect January 1, 2016, but its provisions will not be implemented until July 1, 2016.

Students who currently have a valid Personal Belief Exemption on file will be allowed to continue in school until they make a grade span change. A grade span change is considered going into TK or K, or into 7th grade. According to the new law, all immunization requirements for age and grade will need to be met before entering 7th grade.

Therefore, in order to begin 7th grade, children who had a valid personal beliefs exemption filed before 2016 need to meet all requirements for children 7-17 years old listed at www.shotsforschool.org/k-12/ (e.g., polio, MMR, chickenpox and primary series for diphtheria, tetanus, and pertussis), including the 7th grade requirements for Tdap and 2 doses of MMR.

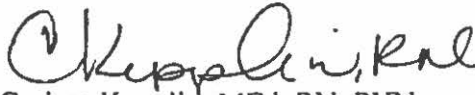
You are receiving this letter because you have a child who will have a 'grade span' change this next year (going from 6th grade to 7th grade) and your child currently has an exemption on file for one or more vaccinations.

Please note that the only exemptions after January 2016 that will be allowed are valid medical exemptions and the physician must indicate the reason why the child cannot receive the required vaccination(s). This letter must also include if it is temporary, or permanent.

If you need information as to where you can get your child vaccinated, please feel free to contact your school and ask to speak to the school nurse.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

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