

Dear Parent,

This letter is concerning a state law that requires proof of additional immunizations that your child may/may not have already obtained.

During the 2009 legislative session, **Indiana Code 20-34-4-2** was revised, requiring the Indiana State Department of Health to “adopt rules under **IC 4-22-2** to require school age children to receive additional immunizations against the following: Meningitis, Varicella, and Pertussis (whooping cough). The additional immunizations required under the rules shall include an immunization booster if considered appropriate by the state department.”

As an incoming 6<sup>th</sup> grader next August, you will need to show documentation that your child has received the following immunizations:

- 1 dose of tetanus-diphtheria-acellular pertussis vaccine (Tdap) given on or after the 10<sup>th</sup> birthday
- 1 dose of meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MCV4)

Please talk to your child’s health care provider about these vaccines. If your child needs additional immunizations in order to be compliant, I would encourage you to make an appointment as soon as possible. Many health care providers will be very busy towards the end of the summer as parents make appointments. Failure to obtain these required vaccines may result in your child being withdrawn from school.

If you have any questions about your child’s current immunizations, please feel free to contact your school nurse.

Sincerely,

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