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RE: Required 7th Grade Immunizations for the 2019-2020 School Year

Dear Parents/Guardians of Upcoming 7th Grade Students in Texas Schools:

State law requires students in all grades in Texas schools to be immunized against certain vaccine-preventable diseases. In addition to vaccines your child has already received, state law requires one dose of the meningococcal conjugate (MCV4) vaccine and a dose of the tetanus-diphtheria-acellular pertussis (Tdap) vaccine for students in 7th-12th grades. The full vaccine requirements for 7th grade students can be found on the DSHS Immunization Unit website at <https://www.dshs.texas.gov/immunize/school/>.

We also want to remind you to get your child's vaccinations early—before the busy back-to-school season. Getting your child vaccinated not only protects your child's health, but also that of the community. **Without the proper documentation of required vaccinations or a valid medical or conscientious exemption, students will not be allowed to attend school.**

Should you have any questions about vaccines, please consult your healthcare provider. You can also visit the DSHS Immunization Unit website at www.ImmunizeTexas.com, call us at (800) 252-9152, or email us at immunization.info@dshs.texas.gov.

Thank you for keeping your child immunized and free from vaccine-preventable diseases. We wish you a rewarding and productive 2019-2020 school year!

Sincerely,

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