

## Dear Parents/Guardian of students entering 6th grade:

There have been changes in the immunization requirements for school entry related to diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis vaccine as well as varicella that has taken effect. All incoming 6<sup>th</sup> graders need to have **proof of Tdap immunization**, and a second varicella vaccination as required by New York State, prior to entering school in September.

The pertinent information is listed below:

- Students who are 11 years of age or older when entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade must receive an immunization containing tetanus toxoids, diphtheria and acellular pertussis (Tdap).
- 10 year old students who are entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade will **NOT** be required to receive Tdap vaccine **BUT** will be tracked by the school nurse and will be required to be immunized when they turn 11 years old. *Documentation MUST be in the Health Office within 14 days of their birthday.*
- Beginning July 1, 2014 all students entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade must have proof of a second varicella vaccination or physician documentation of disease.

Please make an appointment for your child to see his/her physician to obtain the required immunizations. It is the parent/guardian's responsibility to obtain proof of immunizations. This proof needs to be presented to the school nurse **prior** to the start of the school year. **Without this documentation, your child will be excluded from school**. Please have your child's physician fill out this form and return to the Health Office by September 1<sup>st</sup>.

	Health Office
Student Name:	
Had Tdap Immunization:	
Immunization deferred until age 11 Birthdate: _	
Had Varicella #2 Immunization :	Date:
Had IPV 4 <sup>th</sup> or 5 <sup>th</sup> dose after age 4:	Date:
Physician Signature:	
Phys. Stamp	
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