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# Center Joint Unified School District

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Dear parents and guardians of sixth-grade students,

In June, 2015, Gov. Jerry Brown signed Senate Bill 277 (SB277) into law. The legislation provides that parents and guardians will no longer be able to refuse to vaccinate their children based on personal belief exemptions if their children attend public or private school. The law went into effect Jan. 1, 2016. State law requires all kindergarten and seventh-grade students to have certain vaccinations as conditions for enrollment. As such, our current sixth-grade students must have a TDAP immunization along with all other required vaccinations before starting 7<sup>th</sup> grade.

By law: students who do not provide proof of meeting vaccination requirements by the first day of school for the 2018-2019 school year, will not be allowed to attend school until proof is provided.

Although SB277 does not allow for personal belief exemptions, it does allow for medical and home schooling/independent study exemptions. The medical exemption can only be obtained from a licensed medical doctor (M.D.) or a doctor of osteopathic medicine (D.O.). There is not a specific form for the medical exemption. Instead, a doctor must generate a letter on official letterhead with the following information: • confirmation that immunization is not recommended based on the child's physical or medical condition • which vaccines are being exempted • whether the medical exemption is permanent or temporary • signed and dated by the medical provider

Attached you will find a flyer with more information and immunization requirements.

**We want to make sure that your student starts school on time.**

- 1. Review your student's immunization record now and make appointment ASAP if boosters are needed.**

A large number of students need a Tdap and or MMR shot between now and the start of school next year. Avoid the back-to-school rush.

- 2. Save your proof of immunization.**

Be sure to keep the written proof of your student's immunization records in a safe place.

**Students will be required to have proof of immunization prior to receiving a class schedule for the 2018-2019 school year.**