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Dear Parent/Guardian:

New regulations regarding immunizations will become effective August 1, 2017 and will be implemented for the 2017-18 school year. Required immunizations listed below must be complete by the first day of school or your child may risk being excluded. PA Department of Health is allowing for a five day window to complete, but we are highly recommending this be done as soon as possible. Exemptions to immunizations such as medical, religious or philosophical reasons will still be accepted as long as it is presented in writing stating your objection.

Effective August 1, 2017, the PA Department of Health will require students in all grades to have the following immunizations for attendance in school:

- 4 doses of tetanus, diphtheria, and acellular pertussis * 1 dose must be on/after 4th birthday
- 4 doses of polio *3 doses if third dose is given at 4 years or older
- 2 doses of measles, mumps, rubella (MMR)
- 3 doses of Hepatitis B
- 2 doses of varicella (chicken pox) or evidence of immunity

On the first day of seventh grade, the following additional immunizations are required:

- 1 dose of tetanus, diphtheria, and acellular pertussis (Tdap)
- 1 dose of meningococcal conjugate (MCV)

On the first day of 12th grade, the following additional immunization is required:

- 1 additional dose of meningococcal conjugate (MCV)
 - If the dose was given at 16 years of age or older, only one dose is required.

If a student is missing the above mentioned doses, he/she must obtain the next or final dose within the first five days of school beginning in the 2017-18 school year or risk being excluded from school.

- If the next dose is not the final dose or if it is not medically appropriate to receive the immunizations, a medical plan must be completed and signed by your physician outlining the dates scheduled for immunizations.
 - This medical plan will be reviewed every 30 days and must be followed or your child will risk being excluded from school.

Please see attached bulletin and call your health care provider or 1-877-PA-HEALTH with any questions.

Thank you for your cooperation,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Brad M. Hatch'.

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