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RE: 2022-23 School Year Mandatory Vaccine Requirements for 6th Graders

Dear upcoming 6th Grade Parents,

The New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services has recently revised the law to include TWO new vaccine requirements for 6th graders.

Diphtheria, Tetanus Toxoids and Pertussis Vaccine (Tdap):

Every child born on or after January 1, 1997, and entering or attending Grade Six or a comparable age level special education program with an unassigned grade on or after September 1, 2008, shall have received one dose of Tdap (Tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis) given no earlier than the 10th birthday. (Children who received a Td booster dose less than 5 years prior shall not be required to receive a Tdap dose until 5 years have elapsed from the last DTP/DTap or Td dose.)

Meningococcal Vaccine:

Every child born on or after January 1, 1997, and entering or attending Grade Six or a comparable age level special education program with an unassigned grade on or after September 1, 2008, shall have received one dose of a meningococcal-containing vaccine, such as the medically-preferred meningococcal conjugate vaccine. (Please note: This applies to students when they turn 11 years of age and are attending Grade Six.)

If your child will not be 11 years old on the first day of school, there is a one week grace period after the child's 11th birthday to bring in the documentation. The student will have no problem starting school without the vaccines in this circumstance.

These ARE NOT new vaccines. They are just new to this age group.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN TO YOU?

- **Please get these vaccines BEFORE your child enters 6th grade.**
- Bring/send/fax/or scan documentation from your doctor to the school nurse. The documentation **MUST** be **stamped, signed and dated** by the doctor. There is no special form from the school.
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- This must be done for your child who starts 6th grade in September.
- If you have supplied documentation of your child having had these vaccines as described, there is nothing you need to do at this time.

**THIS IS THE NEW LAW. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS,
PLEASE EMAIL THE NURSE AT nurse@stthereserobury.org**

Stay healthy!

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