



March 15, 2023

Dear parent/guardian of current 6th graders,

All students entering **seventh (7th) grade** must receive or have already received a dose of Tdap vaccine on or after their **tenth (10th) birthday** to protect them from whooping cough (pertussis). Your child's school will need a South Carolina Certificate of Immunization, before the first day of school, showing that he or she has received this Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) required Tdap vaccine.

If your child has received this vaccination on or after his/her 10th birthday, please provide a copy of the SC Immunization Certificate as soon as possible.

Please do not wait until the last minute. If the school does not have a current SC Certificate of Immunization showing that your child has received this required Tdap vaccine on or by registration for the 2023-2024 school year, your child will not be allowed to attend school until this requirement is met.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's school nurse or myself.

Sincerely,

Janet F. Davenport, BSN-RN
School Nurse Coordinator
School District of Newberry County