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Dear Parents and families

If there is one thing the COVID-19 pandemic has taught us, it's that we must all do everything we can to protect ourselves and others from infections. The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends SARS-COVID vaccination for all children aged 5 to 18 years. The vaccine prevents children from getting COVID disease and helps prevent them from spreading it to others at home who may be at risk, such as older family members who have underlying health conditions.

The single best way to protect against the COVID disease is to be vaccinated. It has never been more important to do so than now. We are excited to announce that School-Based Health Centers (SBHC) will be offering the Pfizer SARS-COVID vaccine to all children 5 years old and older.

- If you would like your child to receive a SARS-COVID vaccine at the SBHC, please read the enclosed information sheets, then **sign and return the consent form**.
- If you would like to be present for your child's shot, please call to schedule an appointment and bring the permission form with you –**SBHCs will have extra hours outside the normal school hours** at all of our SBHC sites. Please contact your SBHC site for more details on this.
- We need current enrollment and a permission form for each child to be vaccinated. If you have not yet enrolled your child in the School-Based Health Program, or you haven't filled out the up-dated enrollment forms for the 2021-2022 school year, please contact your SBHC.
- If you do **not** want your child to receive the SARS-COVID vaccine, do **not** return the consent form.

For more information about the COVID-19 vaccines, go to www.cdc.gov/flu. Please call your child's SBHC with any questions or concerns.

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