

# STOUGHTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Parent or Guardian:

Your child is scheduled to take part in the Postural Screening Program which is part of the school's health program, as mandated by Chapter 71, Section 57 of the Massachusetts General laws. Grades required to be screened are five (5) through and including nine (9).

The screening will take place as part of your child's regularly scheduled physical education class. The procedure is a simple one in which trained school personnel look at the child's spinal column while he/she stands upright and he/she bends forward. Girls may wear a bathing suit or a top and shorts for the exam.

Referrals from the physical education department will be rescreened by the school nurse. Referrals from the school nurse will be rescreened by the school physician before parents/guardians are notified.

You will be notified by the school nurse only if your child's final examination shows positive signs that further medical investigation is indicated. She will be prepared to offer assistance to parents/guardians in planning for follow-up care in these cases and to answer any questions that parents/guardians may have regarding this program.

Grade seven students are required to have a physical examination by their private physician. If this form has been returned to school and it states that your child was checked for Scoliosis, he/she will be excused from the program. If you prefer, you may have your child rescreened in school.

Sincerely,



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