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Dear Parent/Guardian:

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I hope this letter finds you safe and healthy! This letter is a reminder that your student(s) will need a few required immunizations before school starts for the 2023-2024 school year. Ohio's immunizations law requires that all students entering 7th grade must have received the following immunizations:

- A booster dose of the **Tdap**: This vaccine helps protect against three serious diseases: Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Pertussis (whooping cough).
- One dose of **MCV4 meningococcal** (serogroup A, C, W and Y) vaccine: Meningococcal conjugate vaccine protects against some of the bacteria that can cause meningitis (swelling of the lining around the brain and spinal cord) and septicemia (an infection in the blood). Preteens need the first meningococcal shot when they are 11 or 12 years old and a second dose at age 16.

While the 2 vaccines above are the only required vaccines the following vaccines are recommended, and we encourage you to consider them.

- **HPV**: Human Papillomavirus vaccines help protect both girls and boys from HPV infection and cancers caused by HPV. HPV vaccination is a series of shots given over several months.
- **Hepatitis A**: If they have not received the hepatitis A vaccine already, it is recommended. Hepatitis A is a serious liver disease. It is usually spread through close contact with an infected person or when a person unknowingly ingests the virus from objects, food or drinks that are contaminated by tiny amounts of the virus from an infected person.
- **COVID-19**: Vaccines are available for children to protect against the COVID-19 viruses.
- **Influenza Vaccine**: To be administered annually to protect against current strands of the influenza virus.

Your incoming 7th grade student will need to show documentation of having received these immunizations prior to the start of the school year.

If your child has already received them, please contact your provider, or local health department and ask for a record of these. If your child has not already received the above vaccines, please contact your child's provider/local health department to schedule an appointment. Most doctors' offices will fax the immunization record upon request.

Written documentation of your child's immunizations must be on file in your child's school by the 14th day of school or your child may not be able to attend school. If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact your school's building nurse or secretary.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

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