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Dear Sixth Grade Families:

New York State Public Health Law requires that all students who are enrolled in sixth grade in any public, private, or parochial school and who are 11 years of age or older must receive an immunization containing tetanus, diphtheria and acellular pertussis (Tdap). New York State Public Health Law also requires that all students who are enrolled in sixth grade must receive a second dose of the Varicella (Chickenpox) vaccine.

As with other mandated immunizations, the District must exclude students who have not met the State requirements for the Tdap and Varicella vaccines.

Since it is necessary for your child to have the Tdap and Varicella vaccines before he or she enters sixth grade, we recommend making an appointment for a scheduled visit to your child's physician soon. It is important that you provide written proof of the vaccinations, signed and/or stamped by your healthcare provider, to the health office of your child's school as soon as you have it. Please understand that by law the District must exclude your child from entering middle school in September 2019 if the Tdap and Varicella vaccines have not been administered by the first day of school.

Sincerely,

Dr. Tina DeSa

C: School District Medical Director Principal School Nurse