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Dear Parents/Guardians of students entering sixth grade:

Amendments to the New Jersey State Immunization Law were enacted as follows:

Beginning September 1, 2008, two additional immunizations will be **required** for students who are entering **sixth** grade **and** who are eleven years of age. Those students who are enrolled in sixth grade and turn eleven years of age **after** the first day of school must also comply with the two immunizations as noted. **Within two weeks of the 11**th **birthday, students must show documentation that they received the vaccine.** 

Non-compliance with these requirements will result in exclusion from school until the required doses are received unless a valid medical or religious exemption is provided.

Please read the following carefully which details the changes as noted by the New Jersey Department of Health:

"As of September 2008, sixth grade students in public and private schools are required to receive two additional vaccines:

- tetanus-diphtheria-pertussis vaccine (Tdap), and
- meningococcal vaccine.

A student born on or after January 1, 1997 who is entering sixth grade must receive both the Tdap and meningococcal vaccines **before** the first day of school. This requirement will be strictly adhered to.

Tdap can be given at age 10, at the earliest, depending on the type of vaccine available through the child's health care provider. If the physician only carries Adacel, the child will not be required to get the vaccine until age 11. If Boostrix is available, the Department encourages that it be administered when the child is 10."

Please bring this form and have your physician complete the reverse side. If your child turns 11 between now and the beginning of the 2017-2018 school year, you may return the completed form to:

- your child's 5th grade school nurse prior to the end of the 2016-2017 school year;
- to the Board of Education office during the summer hours of operation; or,
- to the school nurse at Mt. Pleasant Middle School 2 days prior to the opening of school for the 2017-2018 school year.

If you have any question regarding these immunizations, please feel free to contact your elementary school nurse or Mt. Pleasant Middle School nurse, Hila Gal, at extension 8079.

Sincerely,

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Physician Form

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## MEDICAL RECORDS - 6th Grade

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Should you have any questions, please contact your elementary school nurse or Mt. Pleasant Middle

School nurse, Hila Gal, at extension 8079. Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ The above student received the following immunizations required for entry into 6th grade. **Tdap Booster** (Mandatory for students born after 01/01/97 entering Grade 6) Date given: Meningococcal Vaccine (Mandatory one dose for students born after 01/01/97 entering Grade 6) Date given: \_\_\_\_\_ Physician Name and Address: (please print or apply stamp) Physician Signature:

Note: If a valid medical or religious exemption precludes the completion of this requirement, you must attach such exemption.

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