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Dear Parent/Guardian of Rising Sixth Grade Student(s):

In a recent letter, you were notified that the Commonwealth of Virginia Department of Health requires students entering sixth grade to have received the pertussis vaccine (Tdap) for adolescents unless the student received a tetanus-containing vaccine within the previous five years before the start of the 2012-2013 school year.

Please review your child's immunization record. The tetanus immunization may be listed as T, Td, Dtap, Tdap, Adacel, or Boostrix. If your child's last tetanus immunization was before August 27, 2007, please have the Tdap immunization administered before the start of the 2012-2013 school year.

Immunizations may be obtained from your physician, military clinics, or the Loudoun County Health Department. The Loudoun County Health Department will provide the immunizations that are required for school attendance at no cost. The Health Department is located in the Shenandoah Building at 102 Heritage Way, N.E., Suite 100, Leesburg, VA (phone number: 703-777-0236). If you choose to go to the Health Department for this immunization, call for an appointment and the hours for immunization administration. You must also bring a current immunization record, and the parent/guardian must accompany the student.

All documentation regarding the Tdap should be given to the nurse/health clinic assistant at your child's elementary school this school year or given this summer to the middle school your child will attend during the 2012-2013 school year. **It is important to send the documentation to the school as early as possible.**

**Your child will not be allowed to start sixth grade without this immunization, or documentation of a tetanus-containing vaccine within the previous five years of the beginning of the 2012-2013 school year, or a temporary medical exemption for students not yet 11, or a religious exemption. A list of students who require this immunization will be provided to each middle school at the end of this school year. There is no grace period for children entering sixth grade for the 2012-2013 school year who have not received this vaccine. If documentation of this vaccine has not been provided, your child will not be allowed to begin school on August 27, 2012.**

If you have questions, please contact your child's physician or the local health department.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Principal