



**Dear Parents and Guardians,**

**There are new immunization requirements for 2010-2011 school year. Schools will have new immunization requirements for the 2010-2011 school year from the Ohio Department of Health (ODH).**

**The requirements do not include new immunizations; rather, the schedule for when students receive them has been changed. A brief summary of the changes are below;**

- \* The addition of a diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis (Tdap) booster for seventh grade students;**
- \* The addition of a second dose of varicella (a progressive requirement starting with kindergarten for 2010); and**
- \* The fourth dose of polio being administered on or after the fourth birthday.**

**The most significant change is the Tdap booster for seventh-grade students, because currently only 30 percent of these students have received this inoculation. For more information, call the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) Immunization Program hotline at (800) 282-0546. Further information, including a summary of all required immunizations, can be found on the ODH Web site: [www.odh.ohio.gov/odhPrograms/idc/immunize/imunchsc.aspx](http://www.odh.ohio.gov/odhPrograms/idc/immunize/imunchsc.aspx)**

**If there are questions or concerns please call or email me.**

**Thank you,**

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