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Parent/Guardian of Students Entering 8th Grade:

VACCINATION ALERT

This is to inform you about a change in the immunization requirements for school-age children. **Beginning back in September 2016, ALL students in 8th & 12th Grades** will be required to have the **quadrivalent meningococcal conjugate vaccine, MenACWY**, previously known as MCV4 (brand names Menactra & Menveo). Vaccination with **MenACWY** has been routinely recommended for children at 11 & 16 years of age, and **now it is required for school.**

The **MenACWY** vaccine helps protect against meningococcal disease, an infection caused by *Neisseria meningitides bacteria*. Meningococcal disease, – also known as meningitis – can spread from person to person. Teens and young adults at an increased risk. The disease can develop very quickly and even with treatment, infections can be serious and lead to other health problems or death. The meningococcal vaccine is the best way to protect teens from getting meningococcal disease.

Protect your child; have him or her vaccinated before the beginning of the new school year. Also, make sure your child is up-to-date on all vaccines.

Please plan ahead and talk to your pediatrician about your child and vaccines.

Child's Name: _____

MenACWY date: _____

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MD Signature

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If you are without Health Insurance, please call 311 for assistance in obtaining insurance.

Thank you.