



Mendham Township Middle School

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Dear Current Grade 5 Parent: (Grade 6 in September 2008)

As of September 1, 2008, all children born on or after January 1, 1997, and entering Grade 6 are required to receive a booster dose of the diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis vaccine as well as one dose of meningococcal vaccine.

The regulations of the New Jersey State Sanitary Code Chapter 14 (NJAC 8:57 – 4.10 Diphtheria and tetanus toxoids and pertussis vaccine and NJAC 8:57 – 4.20 Meningococcal vaccine) were amended by the Department of Health and Senior Services with advice from a number of national organizations and with recommendations from the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices and the Federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

“The amendments to the rules governing immunizations will have a direct impact on reducing illnesses, hospitalizations and deaths in one of New Jersey’s most vulnerable populations – our children,” said Commissioner Fred M. Jacobs. “Vaccinations have proven to be one of the most effective and safe forms of disease prevention.”

All pupils are to be in compliance with the New Jersey immunization regulations in order to be admitted or remain in school. Parents should review the personal immunization records of their children or consult their physician or medical provider to ensure that these newly required doses of vaccine have been given. Parents should make the necessary medical appointment(s) with their private physician or regular source of medical care, if their children are not yet fully immunized to ensure children will be in compliance with these new immunization requirements.

Please return the enclosed form or written confirmation from your child’s doctor validating the mandated immunizations have been completed. The form is due by **Friday, August 29, 2008.**

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this notice please call me at (973)543-2505 (ext. 2).

Thank you for your cooperation and immediate attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Joyce Kierst, R.N., M.S.N.
Certified School Nurse

cc: Dr. P. Ciccone

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