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Dear Parents and Guardians:

The chicken pox vaccination (Varicella) was not a requirement for student attendance until 2006. That is the year we began entering the immunization on the Certificate or Immunization Status (CIS) form. The chickenpox vaccination (Varicella) is now required.

Students in grades P, K, 1, 2 and 6 need to have provided vaccination information already. If you have not provided this information, you should do so as soon as possible.

In an outbreak, the local health officer will require any student in grades 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, or 12 who has not had a chickenpox vaccination (Varicella) to have proof of immunity. Proof of immunity can be provided by a doctor note verifying immunity/disease. Students without proof of vaccination, or a doctor note verifying immunity/disease will not be allowed to attend school. There are no exceptions. Students whose parents have signed "exemptions" from vaccinations will also need to keep their children home.

Please review your child's immunization record to ensure that he/she has been immunized if in grades P, K, 1, 2 or 6. If your child is in the other grades and has not had a vaccination, you will be required to provide proof of immunity **if** there is an outbreak. This is a good time to review your child's immunization/immunity status with their doctor. Please inform your child's school of any additional immunizations your child receives.

Sincerely,

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