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RE: Required Immunizations for the 2015-2016 School Year

Dear Parents/Guardians of Students in Texas Schools, Kindergarten through 12th Grade:

The purpose of this letter is to remind parents about the need for back-to-school immunizations and to provide immunization resource materials. In order to answer any questions you may have pertaining to vaccine requirements, enclosed are the latest Texas vaccine requirements for Texas school children: the 2015-2016 Texas Minimum State Vaccine Requirements for Students Grades K-12. There are no changes to the vaccines required from the previous school year.

Texas state law requires students attending school to be immunized against certain vaccine-preventable diseases. The Immunization Branch encourages you to get your child vaccinated early so as to avoid the end-of-summer vaccination rush. Getting your child vaccinated protects your child's health and that of the community.

Students should get vaccines from their health-care provider. If necessary, please make an appointment to get your child vaccinated as soon as possible. Remember, students cannot go to school without the appropriate documentation for the required vaccines or a valid medical or conscientious exemption.

Should you have any questions about the recommended vaccines, please consult your health-care provider. You can also visit the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) website at www.ImmunizeTexas.com or call the Immunization Branch customer service number at (800) 252-9152. Thank you for keeping your child immunized and free from vaccine-preventable diseases. We wish you a rewarding and productive 2015-2016 school year!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kelly Patson".

Kelly Patson
Immunization Branch Manager

Enclosure