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UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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Notice to Parents and Guardians about 7th Grade Vaccination Requirements

Date: February 10, 2016

Dear Parent or Guardian of a current 6th grader:

Re: New immunization requirements for 2016

Under a new law known as SB 277, beginning January 1, 2016 exemptions based on personal beliefs, including religious beliefs, will no longer be an option for the vaccines that are currently required for entry into child care or school in California. Most families will not be affected by the new law because their children have received all required vaccinations. Personal beliefs exemptions on file for a child already attending child care or school will remain valid until the child reaches the next immunization checkpoint at kindergarten (including transitional kindergarten) or 7th grade.

As your student enters the 7th grade in Fall 2016, the following vaccinations are required before starting:

- **Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis (Tdap) —1 dose**
(Whooping cough booster usually given at ages 11 and up)
- **Measles-containing vaccine (MMR) — 2 doses**
(Usually given at 12 months of age and 4-6 years of age)

In addition, please make sure that your student is current with all other immunizations. Please see attached "Parents' Guide to Immunizations Required for School Entry" from the California Department of Public Health to ensure your student has met **all** of the requirements.

****Please note that you are required to submit a copy of your student's immunizations record.***

For more information about SB 277, please see the Frequently Asked Questions available at: <http://www.shotsforschool.org/laws/sb277faq/>.

For more information about school immunization requirements and resources, please visit the California Department of Public Health's website at www.shotsforschool.org, or contact your [local health department](#) or [county office of education](#).

Thank you for helping us to keep our children and community healthy.