

To: Parent/Guardians  
From: Nursing Services  
Re: Entrance into Kindergarten – Fall 2008

As you register your child for Kindergarten entrance, we would like you to be aware of the following:

- ❖ Minnesota Statute 121A.15 requires all students enrolled in public or private school to be fully immunized against eight preventable communicable diseases. The attached immunization certificate must be completed and signed by a parent or doctor. State Law requires this certificate be on file in your child's school **ON THE OPENING DAY OF SCHOOL IN THE FALL OF 2008.**
- ❖ Children entering Kindergarten need **five DTP's** (diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis), **four Polios**, **two MMR** (measles, mumps, rubella), **one Varicella and a series of three Hepatitis B vaccinations.**
- ❖ Hepatitis B Series is a required immunization for Kindergarteners. Visit with your physician if your child has not had this series.
- ❖ Varicella (chickenpox) vaccine, or proof (month/year) of chickenpox disease is required for Kindergarten.
- ❖ If this immunization form is not received, or other specific arrangements made with the school nurse, your child will be excluded from school. ***Please note: Exemptions will be allowed for children with medical contraindications or parents whose conscientiously held beliefs are opposed to immunizations. A notarized statement must be submitted to the school nurse/building principal.***
- ❖ We urge you to have your child examined by your doctor prior to entrance into kindergarten. Please take the physical examination form with you at the time of the physical examination for the doctor to complete. Please fill in the information at the top of the form prior to the doctor's appointment.
- ❖ **This immunization form needs to be returned to your child's school by August 15, 2008.** If the school has not received it by August 15<sup>th</sup> you will be contacted by the school nurse.
- ❖ If you have further questions and/or information that you wish to discuss with the school nurse, please feel free to call the elementary school in your attendance area.

**REMEMBER: IMMUNIZATION SHOTS (OR A LEGAL EXEMPTION) ARE REQUIRED FOR CHILDREN TO ATTEND SCHOOL.**

- ❖ It is our hope that school will be a positive and happy experience for your child.