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Dear Parents and Guardians,

In light of the hybrid and remote learning accommodations for this school year, I wanted to be sure to clarify that the requirements mandated by the New Jersey Department of Health regarding vaccinations remain in place. We are required to obtain documentation of the TDap and Menactra vaccines for all students entering 6th grade, regardless of whether they will be learning in the building or remotely this year. In the event that we return to a traditional school schedule, each student will need to have documentation of these vaccines in their file. Please refer to the following Q&A obtained from the NJDOH website.

Q: Will New Jersey waive the vaccine requirements for school attendance for the upcoming school year in light of the COVID-19 Pandemic?

A: The value of immunizations is even more evident during this pandemic. Receiving timely immunizations and ensuring compliance with New Jersey school immunization requirements is key to reducing the potential for vaccine-preventable disease outbreaks. **The New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH) will not waive the vaccine requirements nor will there be any extensions for the upcoming school year. Students will be expected to comply with all vaccine requirements prior to attending virtually or in-person at a New Jersey child care/preschool and school.** New Jersey still allows for medical and religious exemptions when applicable. The potential for the spread of infectious diseases is increased whenever individuals are brought into group settings. New Jersey has minimum vaccine requirements for school attendance. Following the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) recommended immunization is encouraged to provide optimal protection from vaccine-preventable diseases. Ensuring that vaccines are up-to-date can help protect schools and communities from vaccine-preventable disease outbreaks during the COVID19 pandemic.

Please send an updated immunization record to my attention by **October 15, 2020**. If your child will not be vaccinated by that date, please provide the date of the vaccination appointment.

I am available to answer any questions you may have. I hope you are all having a wonderful start to the 2020/2021 school year.

Take Care,

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