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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

We've completed another school year! As always, it's our goal to provide a healthy and safe learning environment for all students. Your child is a rising 7th grader and there are certain vaccinations that they are required to have to attend school to prevent the spread of disease.

The Tdap booster is a vaccine that protects preteens and adults from three dangerous diseases for tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis (also known as whooping cough). The Tdap immunization is usually given to children who are 11-12 years old.

Williamsburg County School District requires documentation concerning the Tdap immunization on each rising 7th grade student to comply with DHEC regulations. To beat the back to school rush, a good time to get all these vaccines is during a yearly health checkup. Talk to your student(s) health care provider now about what vaccines he or she needs. You may also ask about these vaccines at a physical exam required for sports, school or camp. Your local DHEC health department can also provide these vaccines. Also, don't forget to get an updated Immunization Certificate and bring it to the school.

Again, this is just a reminder to get these vaccinations early so your student(s) is ready to start the year and not have interrupted class time due to being sent home for not complying with DHEC regulations. Thank you for helping keep our students healthy!

Thank you,

Elneicia Burgess, MSN, RN School Nurse

Myron Frieson, Acting Principal

Yolanda Cooper, Assistant Principal

The **vision** is to develop life-long learners and prepare students academically for their secondary education experience.