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Dear Parents:

Per the Mississippi Department of Health, "If your child is entering the 7th grade, either by advancing or transferring in, a pertussis (Tdap) booster is now required if they have not received a Tdap vaccination since the age of 7." To be compliant with the Mississippi Immunization law, **DCS requires a new complete Form 121 Immunization Compliance Form on every student entering 7th grade.** You can obtain this form at the Mississippi Department of Health, or you can now look up required immunizations that you and your family members need and print a Form 121 online if your child is up to date on immunizations and your child's Healthcare Provider enters immunization data into the registry. For instructions on how to use the MyIR system, please go to the following link on the MSDH's website:

http://www.msdh.state.ms.us/msdhsite/_static/14,0,71,969.html You can also get a 121 Form from your child's Healthcare Provider if they provide it on an updated MSDH form (revised 1/14/20) and it is not handwritten. The form must be signed, stamped, and dated if it is not computer generated from the MSDH MIIX system.

**Please note if you use the MyIR system: if your child has turned age 11 and they have not received a Tdap booster since turning 11, it will not generate a complete 121 form for you. In other words, if your child received a Tdap shot at age 7-10, it will not print a complete 121 form for you because the CDC recommendation is for all 11-12-year-old children to receive another dose. You may call 1-877-978-6453 or 601-576-7751 if you have difficulty with the MyIR system and need assistance.*

You can bring the new completed Form 121 to your child's school as soon as you get it; you do not have to wait until summer registration. We are giving you advance notice so you will have time to take your child and get the required vaccination and paperwork. Please do not wait until the last minute because clinics get remarkably busy prior to the start of the school year. **Students will not be allowed to attend the first day of class in August without the proper immunizations and form.**

Thank you,

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Director of Health Services