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Dear Parent/Guardian:

The Newtown school system is happy to welcome your youngster to our school system. We strive to meet the educational needs of all students. An important part of this is candid two-way communication between the home and the school.

As you may know, State regulations require proof of adequate immunizations prior to entry into school for the following (see Newtown Public Schools Pre-entrance requirements form for the regulations according to child's age/grade):

Poliomyelitis	Hep A (Hepatitis A)
MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella)	Varicella
DTP/DTaP (Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis)	Meningococcal
HIB (Hemophilus Influenzae Type B)	Pneumonococcal
Hep B/HBV (Hepatitis B Vaccine)	Influenza

You may obtain proof of immunizations from your family physician or from your child's previous school if he/she is a transfer student.

Connecticut State law also requires that all pupils enrolled in public schools have health assessments, which shall be conducted either by a legally qualified practitioner of medicine, an advanced practice registered nurse or registered nurse, a physician assistant, or the school medical advisor. Physical exams for students transferring from out of state are required prior to entry into Connecticut public schools. Transfer students from other Connecticut schools entering grades six or ten must have a physical examination by January 2nd of the current school year.

Out-of-state transfer students must present a copy of a physical exam performed within the last calendar year. This must be presented before entry and must include: (1) height, weight, blood pressure, pulse, HGB/HCT, (2) an updating of immunizations, (3) screenings, (4) Tuberculin testing (for foreign born, foreign students only), (5) such other information, including health and developmental history, as the physician feels is necessary and appropriate.

I ask you to remember that this is a State law and we are given the responsibility of enforcing it.

If you have any specific questions about the immunizations or the physician examination, please feel free to address them to your school nurse.

Sincerely,

Janet M. Robinson, Ph.D.
Superintendent of Schools