Dear Parent(s) and Guardian(s):

We want to take this opportunity to remind you of important health requirements for the upcoming school year. Please review the information below and contact us if you have any questions.

□ Health Examinations (physicals):

- New York State law requires a health examination* for all new entrants and students in grades Pre-K or K, 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 & 11;
- Every year for students participating in athletics (sports);
- For working papers as needed; or
- When required by the Committee on Special Education (CSE) or Committee on Pre-School Special Education (CPSE).

*A dental exam form is also requested at the same time a grade-level health examination is required.

□ Immunizations (shots/vaccines):

- New York State law requires all students entering or attending (including remotely) any New York State school (public, nonpublic, and charter schools) must receive all doses of immunizations required for their grade level in order to attend school. The immunization requirements for each grade level are outlined on <u>NYSDOH Immunization Requirements for School Entrance/Attendance Chart</u>. Students who do not have the required immunizations may not attend school.
- A request for medical exemption to immunization must be completed on this form: <u>Medical</u> <u>Exemption Statement for Children 0-18 Years of Age (ny.gov)</u>.

□ Prescribed & Over-The-Counter Medications

If your child needs to take medications during the school day the school must have the following:

- A written healthcare provider order,(Attestation is also required for independent students)
- Written parent/guardian consent, and
- The medication must be brought to the school by an adult. The medications must be in their original labeled prescription or over-the-counter bottles/packaging. Any special supplies or equipment for the nurse to administer the medication must also be provided to the school.

Attached is the *New York State Required Health Examination Form* you must give to the healthcare provider doing the health examination. You will also find a copy of the *NYSDOH Immunization Requirements for School Entrance/Attendance Chart*.

If you have any questions please reach out to your school nurse at the contact information below.

Sincerely, Julie Colvin, RN, Jennifer Taylor, RN and Kristine McCarthy, LPN

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