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RE: Required Immunizations for the 2016-2017 School Year

Dear Parents of Students in Texas Schools, Kindergarten through 12th Grade:

State law requires students in Texas schools to be immunized against certain vaccine-preventable diseases. Getting your child vaccinated not only protects your child's health, but also that of the community.

To determine the specific vaccines that are required for your child's grade level, please refer to the *Texas Minimum State Vaccine Requirements for Students in Grades K-12*. This document is available on the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) Immunization Branch website at www.ImmunizeTexas.com. If you are unsure of where your child can receive vaccines, contact your health-care provider. You may also contact your Health Service Region or Local Health Department for information on local vaccine programs and eligibility requirements.

Should you have any questions about the required vaccines, please consult your health-care provider. You can also visit the DSHS Immunization Branch website at www.ImmunizeTexas.com or call the DSHS Immunization Branch customer service number at (800) 252-9152. Thank you for keeping your child immunized and free from vaccine-preventable diseases. We wish you a rewarding and productive 2016-2017 school year!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Margaret Horton".

Margaret Horton
School Compliance Coordinator
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