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Dear Parent/Guardian:

The primary responsibility for the health of a child rests with the parent/guardian and their family physician or primary health care provider. According to state law, "Each student medical examination shall be conducted at the medical home of the student, and a full report sent to the school." (N.J.A.C. 6A:16-2.2). Immunization records, Student Health Surveys and Physical examinations should be completed and submitted for the following students:

ALL STUDENTS ENTERING SCHOOL. This includes those students initially entering into school (Little Destroyers, PK - 1) and those transferring from another school (Little Destroyers, PK - 12). Each of these students must present written proof of updated immunizations, a student health survey and a completed physical examination; that has been completed no more than 365 days prior to attending the Dunellen Public Schools.

ALL NEW 'LITTLE DESTROYERS' AND PRE-K STUDENTS must submit the Student Health Survey, Immunization record and Physical Examination (Universal Health Record). **In addition**, N.J.A.C. 8:57-4.19 stipulates that children six months through 59 months of age attending any licensed child care center, or preschool facility on or after September 1, 2008, shall annually receive at least one dose of influenza vaccine between September 1 and December 31 of **each year**. To read information provided by the NJ Dept. of health and Senior Services regarding vaccines for Pre-school students see:

https://www.state.nj.us/health/cd/documents/cc_preschool_requirements-parents.pdf

ALL KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS must submit the Student Health Survey & updated immunization record and physical (Universal Health Record). To read information provided by the NJ Dept. of Health and Senior Services regarding vaccines for students in Kindergarten

- Grade 12 please see: <https://www.state.nj.us/health/cd/documents/k12-parents.pdf>.

THIRD GRADE STUDENTS - It is strongly recommended that a physical be completed on all students in Third Grade and submitted to the Health Office.

ALL SIXTH GRADE STUDENTS must provide documentation of Tdap and Meningococcal vaccinations prior to the first day of school along with a new Student Health Survey and physical examination (Universal Health Record).

NINTH GRADE STUDENTS - It is strongly recommended that a physical be completed on all students in the Ninth Grade and submitted to the Health Office.

THOSE PARTICIPATING IN INTERSCHOLASTIC SPORTS. Students who wish to try out for a school athletic squad or team must return a completed district Physical Examination (Universal Health Record). Each completed sport physical must be reviewed by the school physician, who will recommend approval or disapproval for participation in the sport.. Physical examinations for sports shall be conducted within 365 days prior to the first practice session. In addition, a Student Health Survey must be completed by the parent/guardian prior to each sport's first practice. These forms are on the Dunellen Schools website under "Athletics" . **THOSE WHO FAIL TO RETURN A COMPLETED PHYSICAL EXAMINATION REPORT THE BY THE DESIGNATED DUE DATES WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO PARTICIPATE IN SPORTS.**

STUDENTS APPLYING FOR WORKING PAPERS should have a recent physical examination.

Any student whose parent/guardian has not submitted the completed, state-mandated forms prior to the first day of school MAY BE EXCLUDED from school until all requirements are met. If your child has an appointment with the doctor past the first day of school, a note from the doctor or an appointment card with the date of the exam should be submitted to the Health Office.

ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION: Nurses in New Jersey are required to have an order from a licensed or otherwise legally authorized physician or dentist prior to administering medication to students. This applies to the administration of all medication and includes over-the-counter type substances.

Any student requiring medication during school hours on a permanent, temporary, or as needed basis must:

1. Have a parent/guardian complete the Administration of Medication in School form AND have the form signed by the student's physician. This form will remain on file in the Health Center but must be renewed for each school year.

2. Keep medication locked in Health Center and have medication administered by the school nurse. Medications must be in original bottle/container with proper labeling from pharmacy.