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TO: PARENTS/GUARDIANS OF CHILDREN ENTERING KINDERGARTEN
FROM: BECKY LITTLE, R.N./DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES
DATE: MARCH 2010
RE: **NEW KINDERGARTEN ENTRANCE IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS**

The Tennessee Department of Health has recently issued new immunization rules and a new official state certificate for entry into school effective July 1, 2010. The new state certificate will be available from your health care provider or local health department April 1, 2010.

Currently, the immunization requirements for kindergarten are:

- Diphtheria-Tetanus-Pertussis (DTaP or DT if appropriate)
- Polio (OPV/IPV)
- Hepatitis B (HBV)
- Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR)
- Varicella

Below are the new immunization requirements for entrance into kindergarten this fall (school year 2010-2011). All the newly required vaccines are routinely recommended for all children. Most children should have already received them.

New Additional Immunization Requirements:

- Polio (OPV/IPV) Final dose on or after the 4th birthday now required.
- Varicella 2 doses (or history of disease) Previously only one dose was required.
- Hepatitis A 2 doses **effective July 1, 2011**

If you have any questions, please call your school nurse. Thank you