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Dear Parents/Guardians:

The beginning of the school year is an exciting time for both parents and children and with it comes what seems like a great deal of paperwork! There are certain health requirements that are needed for your child's health record. Immunizations are a must and the law. (*Massachusetts's law (105CMR 220.60) requires immunizations for continued school attendance. Massachusetts's law (105 CMR 460.050, and .060) requires lead testing on all preschool and kindergarten children.*) Your child is required to have: **5 DTP shots; 4 Polio shots; 3 Hepatitis B shots; 2 MMR shots; 2 Varicella shots, and 1 lead screening test.** The lead screening test needs to be anytime after your child's first birthday. There are at times, special circumstances when for religious or medical reasons, children cannot receive all the required immunizations. If your child falls under these circumstances, there is a form your doctor must sign.

PHYSICIANS WILL NOT FAX THE SCHOOL IMMUNIZATIONS. IF YOUR CHILD IS MISSING IMMUNIZATIONS, YOUR CHILD WILL NOT BE ABLE TO COME TO SCHOOL UNTIL IMMUNIZATIONS ARE COMPLETED.

The other requirement by law is **a current physical exam.** (*MGL chapter 76, section 15*). Another requirement that is that your child has **a vision and hearing test** performed at your health care providers office during your child's physical. Your child must also have a copy of a **legal birth certificate.** The hospital birth certificate is not a legal document. You must obtain one from the city hall and copy it or bring in the original and we can copy it here.

Parents of children who require medications while in school will need to obtain consent forms, available at the Nurse's Office, and a physician's order is needed prior to any medications being administered at school. An adult must bring in the medication to the school at all times.

It is recommended and appreciated that children **have a spare set of clothes** at school so that they may change if they have the occasional accident, if they get wet on the playground, or spilled juice or milk. In addition, Kindergarten children should be toilet trained at this time. If your child has a medical or psychological condition that has interfered with their ability to toilet themselves, please let us know. Please provide a current phone number in case of emergency. If your phone number should change during the course of the school year, please inform the school so we can contact you in case your child is sick, or in any emergency situation.

Should you have any questions regarding these requirements, please feel free to give me a call.

Sincerely,

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