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Dear Parents/Guardians,

This past year, Allegheny county Health Department (ACHD) established three new vaccine requirements to further protect our youth. These vaccines included MCV4, which protects against the most common strains of meningococcal meningitis, a second dose of varicella vaccine, which protects against chickenpox, and Tdap, which provides a booster against tetanus, diphtheria and whooping cough.

Two doses of varicella or a written statement from a physician/designee indicating the month and year of disease or serologic proof of immunity is required for students in all grades K-12. One dose of Tdap and one dose of meningitis vaccine are required for students in grades 7-12.

**According to Article X of ACHD Rules and Regulations, if proof of immunization is not received by May 1, 2009, your child will be excluded from school.**

Thank you, for your attention to this important matter and your efforts to assure and improve the health of our youth.

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