Dear Parents/Guardians of Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten Students:

Welcome to the beginning of an exciting adventure – the start of your child's formal education! New York State Public Health Law, Section 2164 mandates that schools shall not permit a child to be admitted to school, unless the parent provides the school with a certificate of immunization or proof from a physician that their child has been immunized. Immunizations must be documented and signed by a health care provider or health department. Baby books are no longer accepted as proof of vaccination. All documentation must specify the exact date each immunization was administered. Your child will not be permitted to attend school without the necessary verification of immunizations.

Most Pre-Kindergarten students will require additional vaccinations prior to the start of Kindergarten. Please contact your health care provider to make these arrangements.

In addition to vaccinations, New York State Law also requires the parent/guardian of any child entering a Pre-Kindergarten/Kindergarten program to provide the school district with a report of a medical examination, signed by a licensed health care provider and submitted using the enclosed physical exam form (no other format will be accepted). This exam must be current and not done more than twelve months prior to the commencement of the school year. Proof of lead testing and a dental health certificate containing a report of a comprehensive dental examination are also required.

Thank you for your attention in this matter. Have a wonderful school year!

Sincerely,

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