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Please note that the Pennsylvania Department of Health is changing the school immunization regulations beginning in August 2017. The new regulation requires that all 12<sup>th</sup> grade students complete the appropriate dosage of the meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MCV). The first dose of this vaccination was required in 7<sup>th</sup> grade. The second dose is required at age 16 or upon entry into the 12<sup>th</sup> grade. (If the first dose was given when the students was 16 years of age or older, then only one dose is required.)

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania requires proof of these immunizations **before** your child may enter the 12<sup>th</sup> grade. If proof of these immunizations is not submitted to the health office, your child will not be permitted to enter school. Also, the school days that the student misses for this reason will be considered unlawful absences.

Once these vaccines are completed, please submit a copy of the child's vaccination record to the health room.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

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