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Dear parent/ guardian,

There has been a change in NYS Education Law regarding mandatory physicals for 09/10 school year. Students in grade Kindergarten, 2, 4, 7, 10 and all New Enterers to the Green Island School District are required to have a physical. Proof of a physical by a student's own MD is acceptable if administered not more than 12 months prior to the beginning of the school year. This is also preferable since a child's own pediatrician is most familiar with his/her medical history. Our school physician, who comes in several times a year at no expense to the parent, can also complete the physical. He does not, however, administer immunizations or flu shots while he is here. If you know that your student has had a physical since Sept. 08, 2008 and can have the physician fax # 270-0818, that would fulfill this requirement. Physicals given after September 8, 2008 need to have BMI information submitted as well. Sports physicals are required annually for those 7th-12th grade students who play interscholastic or intramural sports.

Dr. Henry Tomiak, our school physician, will be in on Monday June 7th for physicals for fall sports and for those students still needing a valid exam. If you prefer your own doctor, I have physical forms for your child to pick up. The universal physical form is also available on our Website. Please also submit proof of any recent immunizations or medical conditions I may not be aware of. Dental certificates are also requested for grades K, 2, 4, 7, 10 and any student new to our district. If no physical proof or scheduled appointment is received, your student's physical will be scheduled with our school physician, since this is an Education requirement.

We are still experiencing Strep throat as well as the stomach virus and upper respiratory & allergic illnesses. Your own child's MD is your best resource regarding getting your child immunized. Please be diligent in asking your children to wash their hands frequently with soap and water, while singing the "Happy Birthday to you" song twice or the "Alphabet Song". The next best thing is hand sanitizing lotion, available in classrooms as well as the cafeteria. Please call me with your questions. I need proof from the student's MD to note on your child's Cumulative Health Record the date and results of his/her physical and update any immunizations received at that time.

Sincerely yours,


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