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Dear Lancaster CSD Parent/Guardian:

Soon you will be registering your child for kindergarten. The following information explains what will be needed to assist you in preparing for kindergarten registration.

First, New York State Education Law Article 19 and Regulations of the Commissioner of Education 136.3(c)(1) **require** (1) that all pupils have a physical examination (health appraisal) dated 2018 prior to their entrance to school and (2) it is requested that incoming kindergartners present a dental health certificate indicating that a comprehensive dental exam was performed on your child. Moreover, the Bureau of Health Services of the State Education Department recommends that the health appraisal be given by the family physician, the rationale being that your family physician has a more complete understanding of your child and can interpret his/her findings directly to you and assist you in carrying out any recommendations.

Second, when you register your child for kindergarten, you **must bring**: (1) the child's **certified transcript of birth (for example: birth certificate)**, (2) two proofs of residency, (3) a copy of the current immunizations, (4) a completed Health Questionnaire form, (5) the Health Appraisal form if your child has seen the pediatrician in 2018.

Third, Public Health Law 2164(2)(a) and Regulations of the Commissioner of Education 136.3(c)(2) require the following immunizations for admission to school, which must be verified by a certificate or record from a physician, health department or clinic before a child enters school:

1. Four (4-5) doses of diphtheria toxoid (usually administered as DPT/DTap.)
2. Four (4-5) doses of polio vaccine (depending on when given).
3. Two (2) doses of measles, mumps and rubella (MMR)
4. Hepatitis B – three (3) doses required.
5. Two (2) doses Varicella Vaccine (Chicken Pox)

Please understand that the law clearly states that no principal, teacher, or person in charge of the school shall permit any child to be admitted to school without the certificate or record of immunizations. The intent of the law is to ensure immunization, not to deprive a child of his/her education. The school district responsibility is to ensure that the legal requirements are met, and it is your responsibility as a parent to fulfill the law. Exemptions from the above laws are as follows: (a) statement from a physician indicating that the immunization is not indicated for reasons of health; or, (b) a written statement from the parent or guardian of the child that the parent or guardian is a bonafide member of a specific religious organization whose teachings are contrary to the administration of an immunizing agent.

Finally, please remember that the Health Appraisal and Immunization form must be completed by September 1st for your child to attend school. If you have any questions, please contact the nurse in your child's school.

Sincerely,

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