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To the parents of rising 7th grade students:

As you are preparing for your child to begin a 7th grade adventure, you will also need to prepare for immunization boosters. The Georgia Department of Public Health requires all children born on or after January 1, 2002 **who are attending seventh grade** (as well as children who are new entrants into a Georgia school in grades eight through twelve) to have received:

- **one dose Tdap booster vaccine (protection against Tetanus, Diphtheria, & Pertussis)**
- **one dose meningococcal conjugate vaccine (protection against Bacterial Meningitis)**

At the start of the upcoming academic year (August 2018), your child's immunization record (Georgia form 3231) must be updated to show your child is current with all required immunizations, **including the Tdap Booster and MCV**. Pickens County School District policy states a failure to provide documentation of immunizations or affidavit by the deadline is a punishable offense pursuant to Section 42.12. (See Parental Responsibility Truancy Ordinance Code of Conduct page 3 & 4). According to Georgia law 20-2-771, students must be withdrawn from school if immunizations are not current.

The school must receive a copy of the certificate from the doctor or health department. It is the parent's responsibility to provide this documentation to the school. You may make arrangements for immunizations with your family doctor or the Pickens County Health Department. The Pickens County Health Department's number is (706) 253-2821.

If you have completed a religious affidavit (Georgia form 2208), please contact your child's school to verify that the correct document is on file.

If you have questions regarding immunizations or a religious affidavit, please contact your Principal or your school nurse. Thank you in advance for your prompt attention to this matter

In the interest of children,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Kimberly Parker, RN'.

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