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Dear Parent/Guardian,

For school entry, the New York State Department of Health requires that students born on or after January 1, 1994 and who are entering/repeating 6<sup>th</sup> grade or a comparable age-level special education school or program and who are 11 years of age or older **must** receive Tdap (an immunization containing tetanus toxoids, diphtheria, and acellular pertussis). Minimum age for the Tdap is 10 years of age.

**If your child is not 11 at the beginning of the school year, documentation of the Tdap is due in the Health Office within 14 days of your child's 11th birthday.**

The only exemption is a medical exemption consisting of a written statement from a physician licensed to practice medicine in the State of New York stating that there is a valid medical contradiction to the student receiving the vaccine. This medical exemption **MUST** be renewed annually and then will be reviewed by the WCSD Medical Director for final approval.

Please forward the required information to the school Health Office. This documentation is due to the school Health Office the first day of school in September.

Please call your physician or the school Health Office at (845) 463-7322 x15005 with any questions or concerns.

Thank you for your attention.