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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Please be advised that the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services has changed several immunization requirements for school attendance in New Jersey. All children born on or after January 1, 1997, and enrolled in the sixth grade, will be **required** to receive a booster dose of diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis vaccine (Tdap), as well as one dose of meningococcal (Menactra) vaccine.

If your child has already received the above immunizations, please send in a written report from your health care provider so we can update our records.

You have the option of going to your private physician or to a clinic where immunizations are given free of charge. The schedule for these clinics and the necessary forms can be obtained from the nurse's office. Please contact the School Nurse if you have any questions regarding these required immunizations.

Your child must be in compliance with vaccine requirements as noted above or will be **excluded** from school on the first day in September 2024.

Thank you for your cooperation in safeguarding the health of all children in the Elizabeth Public Schools.

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