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Dear 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents/Guardians,

On Sept. 1, 2014, changes to Minnesota's School Immunization Law will take effect. These changes do affect your child. To attend 7<sup>th</sup> grade, a record of the following shots, or notarized documentation that you conscientiously object to having your child vaccinated, needs to be on file at the school.\*

The newly required vaccines for all students entering 7<sup>th</sup> grade are:

- ◆ Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria & pertussis) - This replaces the Td immunization requirement.
- ◆ Meningococcal (meningitis)

To help meet the new requirements, your child has a one time opportunity to participate in a mass dispensing clinic. The free vaccination clinic will be held during the school day at the Morris High School on Thursday, April 3, 2014. On that day, with your permission, your child will be bussed to Morris, and be given the required **Tdap** and/or **Meningococcal** vaccines **FREE** of charge. Morris 6<sup>th</sup> graders will be directed to the gym at the appropriate time.

In March, a vaccine administration form and the vaccine information statements will be sent home with your 6<sup>th</sup> grader. Please complete and return the form indicating the vaccines you want your student to receive (Tdap and/or Meningococcal). Your signature gives permission for your child to receive the vaccines during the school day.

In the meantime, if you would like more information about the new law or the vaccines, please contact Marcia Schroeder RN, Stevens Traverse Grant Public Health at 320-208-6670.

Please watch for more information to come in March.

Sincerely,

Marcia Schroeder RN  
Stevens Traverse Grant Public Health

\*Minnesota law requires written proof of certain vaccinations for children in child care, early childhood programs, and school. However, if a child has a medical reason or if parents are conscientiously opposed to any or all of the vaccinations, a legal exemption form is available at your child's school.