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Dear Parent/Guardian,

As of January 1, 2016, State law has mandated that parents/guardians of students enrolled in or who are seeking to enroll in any private or public school no longer be allowed to submit a religious or personal belief exemption (PBE) as a means of exempting a student from a vaccine that is currently required by law.

We believe it is imperative that you are provided with clear and consistent information related to this new law prior to the beginning of the 2016-2017 school year. We have outlined the immunization requirements below and a copy of the "Parent's Guide to Immunizations Required for School Entry" can be found at <http://eziz.org/assets/docs/IMM-231.pdf>. Furthermore, a separate letter will be sent to you shortly if our records indicate that your child does not yet have all of the required immunizations.

For the 2016-2017 school year and thereafter, all students entering a District school for the first time must meet all of the immunization requirements for their appropriate age/grade level unless one of the following exceptions applies (California Health and Safety Code Sections 120325-120380 and California Code of Regulations, Title 17, Sections 6000-6075):

- A child who has not been fully immunized against one or more of the diseases specified by State law may be admitted on the condition that within the time periods specified by law, evidence that the child has been fully immunized against all of the diseases is presented to the school. (California Health and Safety Code Section 120340; 17 California Code of Regulations Section 6035)
- A child who has not received one or more of the required immunizations because the parent/guardian had submitted a letter or affidavit to a California school prior to January 1, 2016, stating beliefs opposed to immunization (i.e., a PBE) may be unconditionally admitted until he or she reaches the next grade span (TK/K or 7th grade).
- A child who has not received one or more of the required immunizations because of medical reasons may be conditionally (for a temporary medical exemption) or unconditionally (for a permanent medical exemption) admitted. The parent or guardian must submit a letter to the school from a licensed physician (M.D. or D.O.) that includes the following information (California Health and Safety Code Section 120370(a)):
 - a. A statement that the physical condition of the child or medical circumstances related to the child are such that immunization is not considered safe.

- b. The specific nature and probable duration of the medical condition or circumstances, including but not limited to family medical history.
- c. The physician may provide a written statement that the child is medically exempt from the Rubueola (measles) and/or Varicella (chicken pox) requirements as a result of having had measles and/or varicella, or as a result of having had laboratory confirmed illness with the corresponding disease.

- A child who is enrolled in an independent study program pursuant to Education Code Sections 51745-51749.6 and does not receive classroom-based instruction is not subject to State immunization requirements.
- Homeless students, foster youth, and children of military families shall be enrolled immediately even if their immunization records are missing or unavailable at the time of enrollment. School or District staff shall work with the student's parent/guardian and prior school to obtain the student's immunizations records or shall ensure that the student is properly immunized. (California Education Code Sections 48853.5 and 49701; Health and Safety Code Section 120341; 42 United States Code Section 11432)

Students with disabilities must be immunized in accordance with the law. However, the law does not prohibit an under-immunized student with an IEP from accessing any special education and related services required by his or her IEP.

If there is good cause to believe that a child has been exposed to a disease and his or her documented immunization record does not show proof of immunization against that disease, the school is required by law to report that information to the local health officer. The local health officer shall determine whether the child is at risk of developing the disease and, if so, exclude that child from school until the completion of the incubation period and the period of communicability of the disease. (California Health and Safety Code Section 120370(b); California Code of Regulations, Title 17, Section 6060.)

The California Department of Public Health, Immunization Branch, has provided a Frequently Asked Questions regarding Senate Bill 277, which you may access online at: <http://www.shotsforschool.org/laws/sb277faq/>.

Between June 9, 2016 and August 11, 2016, proof of immunizations must be either faxed directly from your child's doctor to 818-880-4200 or brought to the LVUSD District Office at 4111 Las Virgenes Road, Calabasas, CA 91302.

If you are providing proof of immunizations after August 11, 2016, please bring the document to the school site.

If you need any further information please call the school at insert school phone number here.

Sincerely,

Principal