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Dear Parent or Guardian:

California law, Education Code Section 49452.8 requires that your child have an oral health assessment (dental check-up) by May 31 in either kindergarten or first grade, whichever is his or her first year in public school. Assessments that have happened within the twelve months before your child enters school also meet this requirement. The law also specifies that a licensed dentist or other licensed or registered dental health professional must do the assessment.

Take the attached Oral Health Assessment/Waiver Request form to the dental office, as it will be needed for your child's check-up. If you cannot take your child for this required assessment, please indicate the reason for this in Section 3 of the form.

The following resource will help you find a dentist and complete this requirement for your child:

Medi-Cal/Denti-Cal's toll free number or Web site can help you to find a dentist who takes Denti-Cal: 1-800-322-6384; <http://www.denti-cal.ca.gov>. For help enrolling your child in Medi-Cal/Denti-Cal, contact our local social service agency.

For additional resources that may be helpful, contact the local public health department.

Baby teeth are very important. They are not just teeth that will fall out. Children need their teeth to eat properly, talk, smile, and feel good about themselves. Children with cavities may have difficulty eating, stop smiling, and have problems paying attention and learning at school. Tooth decay is an infection that does not heal and can be painful if left untreated.

Many things influence a child's progress and success in school, including health. Children must be healthy to learn, and children with cavities are not healthy. Cavities are preventable, but they affect more children than any other chronic disease.

If you have questions about the new oral health assessment requirement, please contact Melissa Foster, District Nurse, at (818) 880-4000 x 341.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dan".

Daniel Stepenosky, Ed. D.  
Superintendent