

Please read this very important information.

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Dear Fifth Grade Parents/Guardians:

New York State Law requires that all sixth-graders who are 11 years of age must have a Tdap immunization to attend school.

The Tdap immunization is a tetanus toxoids, diphtheria, and acellular pertussis immunization. It is a Tetanus booster that also adds protection for pertussis (whooping cough).

Your child may get the required immunization through your health care provider or through the Chemung County Health Department, 103 Washington Street, Elmira. The Health Department holds a walk-in clinic with appointments only. For more information, contact the Chemung County Health Department at (607)737-2028.

You must provide proof that your child has received the Tdap immunization in order for your child to attend the first day of school. Your health care provider or health department will provide you with this written proof once your child receives the immunization. Please bring this proof to our Health Office or fax it to us at 795-2495. If the paperwork is not provided, the student will not be able to attend school until completed per New York State Department of Health. *The exception to this are any new entrants into the District.

Please note: 10-year-old students who are entering 6th grade will not be required to receive the Tdap vaccine at this time and will not be excluded from school, but will be tracked and must be immunized upon turning 11 years old.

Several notifications will go out via District website, emails, letters, phone calls and District/School Newsletter.

We are bound by the law. If you have further questions, please contact the Health Office at 739-6366. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

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Interim-Principal

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