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RE: Required Tdap Immunization Prior to the Start of Seventh Grade

Dear Parents:

California state law requires all students entering into seventh grade to provide proof of the whooping cough booster immunization (Tdap). This is an immunization that is routinely given at ten years of age. If your child has already received this vaccine, please provide proof of immunization to the Del Mar School office as soon as possible.

Whooping Cough (Pertussis) is a respiratory disease that can be severe and last for months. The immunity a child received from early childhood immunization wears off over time, leaving older students and adults susceptible to pertussis. Immunization with Tdap can protect students, schools, and communities from this potentially deadly disease.

If you have not done so, please obtain the vaccine immediately so that your child does not have to miss a single day of school. We ask that you take care of this vital task soon. **Your child will not be permitted to attend school at the start of 7th grade unless you provide evidence that she/he has received the Tdap booster vaccine.**

Again, please provide the required proof of immunization to the Del Mar School office now and to avoid having the start of your child's school year needlessly delayed.

Sincerely,

Dr. Vann Gardner
Del Mar Middle School Principal

Dr. Steve Herzog
RUSD Superintendent

Diane Russell
District Nurse