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Dear Parent/Guardian:

You are receiving this letter because you have a student who will be entering the 7<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> grade during the 2019-2020 school year. Students entering these grades must receive certain immunizations prior to the school year starting. The immunization requirements for these students are as followed:

### **IF YOUR CHILD WILL ENTERING THE 7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE:**

Prior to entry into the 7<sup>th</sup> grade, your child must receive:

- Tdap (Tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis) vaccination
  - This vaccination protects against tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis (whooping cough).
- Meningococcal vaccination
  - This vaccination protects against 4 of 5 types of meningococcal bacteria.

### **IF YOUR CHILD WILL BE ENTERING THE 12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE:**

Prior to entry, your child must receive:

- Meningococcal vaccine
  - This vaccination protects against 4 of 5 types of meningococcal bacteria.
- Meningococcal B vaccine will also be available.
  - This vaccine protects against group B meningococcal bacteria and is

required for entry into most colleges.

Another vaccine that is recommended, but not required, is the HPV (human papillomavirus) vaccine known as Gardasil. Gardasil is recommended for both boys and girls ages 11-26, and is a two to three dose series depending on age of the child. This vaccine can help protect your child against the viruses that cause certain types of cancers. The Gardasil vaccine will not be available at the school-based clinic, but may be obtained at the Highland County Health Department by appointment or during a regularly scheduled walk-in clinic.

It is also recommended that your child receive a flu shot once a year.

We will be visiting area schools to offer the required vaccinations before summer vacation. Please see attached sheet for details. For more information please contact the Highland County Health Department at 937-393-1941. Thanks for letting us serve you and your family!

Thank You,  
Highland County Health Department  
Division of Nursing