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José L. Banda, Superintendent

January 5, 2016

Dear Enrollment Center, Elementary School Principals and Office Managers:

Re: Kindergarten Enrollment and the new immunization requirements for 2016

Under a new state law (SB 277) effective January 1, parents may no longer cite personal beliefs to exempt their children from vaccines required for school. Most families will not be affected by the new law because their children have received all required vaccinations. Personal beliefs exemptions on file for a child already attending child care will NO LONGER BE VALID when enrolling into kindergarten, including transitional kindergarten (Early Kinder).

As you register kindergarteners for the 2016-17 school year, please be aware that students cannot be enrolled for the fall without having had the immunizations required by law. (See attached). Please be aware that a CONDITIONAL enrollment may be initiated for kindergarten students who have the first in the series of vaccines required by law but are NOT YET DUE for the subsequent vaccine. Schools are mandated by law to run an Infinite Campus report every 30 days to follow conditionally admitted students until all their vaccines are completed. At the time the child is found to be delinquent on the subsequent vaccines, the school shall grant no longer than 10 days for the family to comply, or the child will be excluded from school {CCR Title 17, Sec 6055}. If student receives Special Education services through an IEP and the family does not comply, an IEP meeting shall be held to determine how the district and family can work together.

For more information about SB 277, please see the Frequently Asked Questions available at: <u>http://www.shotsforschool.org/laws/sb277faq/</u>.

For more information about school immunization requirements and resources, please visit the California Department of Public Health's website at <u>www.shotsforschool.org</u>, or contact your <u>local health department</u> or <u>county office of education</u>.

Thank you for helping us to keep our children and community healthy.

Sincerely,

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