

## **Truman Public Schools**

To: Parents of Sixth Grade Students

From: Jane Kotewa, RN, PHN, LSN

Students entering grade seven are required to have additional immunizations prior to the beginning of the school year in the fall. This includes a Tdap (a combined tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis) immunization and a second chicken pox (varicella) vaccine if a second had not already been done. In addition, the Center for Communicable Diseases and the Minnesota Department of Health are recommending a meningococcal vaccine at this age. (This will not be required until September 2014, but is recommended for students age 12 or older.)

PLEASE NOTIFY THE SCHOOL OFFICE OF THE DATE OF THE IMMUNIZATION(S) SO THAT YOUR CHILD'S RECORD CAN BE UPDATED. THIS CAN BE IN WRITING, BY PHONE OR BY E-MAIL.

Please make arrangements for these immunizations over the summer with your local medical provider or with Human Services. If you have questions, please contact our school office or e-mail me at [jkotewa@fairmont.k12.mn.us](mailto:jkotewa@fairmont.k12.mn.us). Registration for grade seven may be delayed without adequate immunization information.

If you choose to use the Conscientious Objection option, an appropriate form must be completed and notarized to meet that requirement. A copy is available at the school office or on line at the Minnesota Department of Health under Immunizations. (Once this form is completed and notarized it need not be repeated again.)

It is a pleasure to work with your student and the staff at school. We appreciate your cooperation and look forward to hearing from you with this required information.

Thank you.