



BELLEVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

The safety and wellness of our students are my top priorities as Superintendent of the Belleville Public Schools District. As chief school administrator, it is my responsibility to encourage you to provide your child with an appropriate physical examination during each of his/her developmental stages. (NOTE: said physical examinations are not mandatory.) These stages include:

- early childhood (pre-school through grade 3),
- pre-adolescent (grades 4 through 6), and
- adolescence (grades 7 through 12)

Be advised that according to the NJ Department of Education's administrative regulations, our school physician does not perform medical examinations at these developmental stages. Each student's medical examination should be conducted by a healthcare provider or advanced practice nurse chosen by you at the provider's facility (known as the student's "medical home"). If you do not have a medical home for your child and need assistance, please contact the New Jersey Department of Human Services for enrollment in New Jersey Family Care for affordable health care coverage. For more information on this program, you can visit the children's services website at www.njfamilycare.org, or call 1 (800) 701-0710.

In addition, children six months through 59 months of age attending any licensed child-care center or pre-school facility must annually receive at least one dose of influenza vaccine between September 1 and December 31 of each year. This is mandatory. Sixth grade students must also receive meningococcal vaccine and a Tdap booster by the start of the school year.

Please contact your child's building principal or nurse should you need further assistance.

Sincerely,

Dr. Richard Tomko, Ph.D., M.J.
Superintendent of Schools

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cc: District Administrators
Board of Education
District Nurses
Belleville Health Officer