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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I would like to bring to your attention important **mandatory changes** in the Pennsylvania school immunization law that will be occurring the beginning of our 2011-2012 school year. These changes are as follows:

- **All** students grade Kindergarten through grade 12 who have not had the chicken pox disease will be required to have a second Varicella or chicken pox immunization beginning the school year of 2011.
- Students entering the **grade 7** in 2011 will be required to have additional shots of each of the following: Menactra (Meningitis vaccination) and TDAP (Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis).

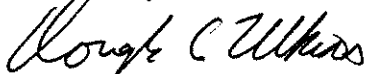
If your child or children have not yet had these immunizations, **I strongly urge** you to have your school age child or children receive these vaccinations as soon as possible. Please contact your physician at your earliest convenience, or call the Towanda Health Department (570) 265-2194 for dates of their immunization clinics.

Your child's school nurse will be required to have a copy of your child's immunization record on file, indicating your child has received all mandated shots for school attendance, before the beginning of the 2011 school year. If you have any questions regarding these immunization law changes, please contact the school nurse in your child's building. Your child's nurse will be happy to answer any of your questions.

I have provided you with this important information to assist you in meeting all necessary shot requirements well in advance of the 2011-2012 school year deadline.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,



Douglas A. Ulkins  
Superintendent