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Attention Parents of Rising 6th Graders (current 5th graders)

Dear Parent/Guardian:

The Alabama Department of Public Health **REQUIRES** that ALL students 11 years and older entering the 6th grade in the fall of 2021 receive a **Tdap** (tetanus-diphtheria-acellular pertussis) **vaccine**. (The law does not apply to students who will not be 11 or 12 years old entering the 6th grade before the first day of school for the 2021-22 School Year.)

Your child will need to go to his/her physician, a health department, or a clinic to receive this vaccine and an updated Immunization Card. **We would like to encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity to schedule a check- up with your child's physician when you make an appointment for the administration of the **Tdap Vaccine**. Many children have not had a checkup since they received their last required school vaccines at age 4 or 5, so this appointment will allow the doctor to evaluate your child's growth and development and provides an opportunity for your child's doctor to discuss a variety of topics that are important at this age. This includes other vaccines that are recommended, but are not required.*

Please understand that this vaccine is required. Your child must receive the **Tdap vaccine** and present an updated Hard Copy of the Immunization Card to the school nurse **before the new school year or he/she will not be given a class schedule**.

If you have any questions, please contact me:

Sincerely,

Stacy Humphress

School Nurse

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