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Dear Parent or Guardian of a 7th Grade Student,

This letter is to inform you your student needs 1 dose of the tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis vaccine (Tdap) and 1 dose of the meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MCV4) before entering 7th grade in the fall. This is a requirement of the Ohio Department of Health. A second dose of MCV4 should be given when your student is 16 years of age. They will be required to have 2 doses of MCV4 by grade 12.

Tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis (whooping cough) are all caused by bacteria. Both diphtheria and pertussis are spread from person to person. Tetanus enters the body through cuts, scratches, or wounds. Meningitis is a serious bacterial illness that causes an infection in the covering of the brain and the spinal cord. It is the leading cause of bacterial meningitis in children 2 through 18 years old in the United States.

Vaccines are available through your family physician or the Williams County Health Department (WCHD). Please contact your doctor or the WCHD for an appointment

If your student has already received this vaccine, please send the date to the school; and another dose will not be required.

Sincerely,

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