

# IMPORTANT IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENT

## FOR CHILDREN ENTERING 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE IN FALL 2008

Beginning July 1<sup>st</sup> 2006, a new Virginia law requires children who will be enrolled in the sixth grade in the fall to receive one dose of Tdap vaccine. This information comes from the director of the Division of Immunization, who **strongly advises parents to call their child's doctor now** to make sure they receive the injection before August.

**Injection needed if at least 5 years have passed since the last dose of vaccine. The date of immunization is 2003 or later for the coming school year 2008-2009.**

**Your child must also have the 3 series of Hepatitis B injections in order to enter 6<sup>th</sup> grade in August.**

**This series takes several months to complete . You should call your doctor now to get started on these important immunizations. Do not wait until August 2008.**

Students without complete medical records must be excluded from school until proper records are received. Please submit this record of injections as soon as possible.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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