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Dear Walnut Creek School District Parents,

As you may have heard, SB277 changes school immunization law in California. No new personal belief exemption (PBE) forms may be filed for students attending a public or private school in California.

Most children receive all the doctor-recommended, school-required vaccines and the number of students in Contra Costa County with a personal belief exemption is low.

PBE (Person belief exemptions) filed before January 1, 2016 are valid and will remain valid until the student enters the next checkpoint. The two grade school checkpoints are transitional kindergarten/kindergarten and 7<sup>th</sup> grade. This means valid PBE forms for students currently in transitional kindergarten or kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade will remain valid until the student completes 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Valid PBE forms for students currently in grades 7 through 12 are valid through 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

A PBE may be transferred between California schools, both within and across school districts. However, if the PBE documentation is lost, a student will need to meet current immunization requirements to attend school. PBE forms from other states or countries are not acceptable.

PBE forms currently on file should have been completed correctly and the child should be currently attending school or will attend school within 6 months of the health care provider or parent signature date. For example, a filed PBE form dated December 31, 2015 would be valid if the child starts school on or before July 1, 2016. If the child will not begin school by July 1, 2016, the PBE would not be valid.

The statement "within 6 months before entry" on filed PBE forms refers to the first day of school. It does not include registration, walk-through, or other administrative events.

Below are immunization requirements for our district and the state:

#### **For Schools with Kindergarten Students**

**Inform** all parents at registration that their child entering kindergarten or transitional kindergarten will need to have received the following vaccines before the first day of school (<http://eziz.org/assets/docs/IMM-222School.pdf> or <http://eziz.org/assets/docs/IMM-222S School.pdf>):


- 1 dose of Varicella (chickenpox) vaccine
- 2 doses of MMR (measles, mumps, and rubella) vaccine
- 3 doses of Hepatitis B vaccine
- 4 doses of Polio vaccine (3 doses OK if one dose was given at 4 years of age or older)
- 5 doses of Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Pertussis (DTaP) vaccine (4 doses ok if one dose was given at 4 years of age or older).

**For Schools with 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Students**

**Inform** parents of 6<sup>th</sup> grade students with a PBE right away that their child will need to have received the following vaccines before the first day of 7<sup>th</sup> grade (<http://eziz.org/assets/docs/IMM-222School.pdf> or <http://eziz.org/assets/docs/IMM-222S School.pdf>). A template notification letter for parents is available: <http://cchealth.org/immunization/#simpleContained 2>

- 1** dose of Varicella (chickenpox) vaccine
- 2** doses of MMR (measles, mumps, and rubella) vaccine
- 3** doses of Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Pertussis vaccine (DTaP) vaccine, including Tdap booster at 7 years of age or older
- 4** doses of Polio vaccine (3 doses OK if one dose was given at 2 years of age or older)

Sincerely,



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Superintendent