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Dear Parents/Guardians of Incoming Kindergarten Students,

I would like to welcome you and your child to Lincoln School. This is a very happy and exciting time not only for you and your child, but for me as well as I look forward to meeting your child as we prepare for the new school year. Because it is also a very busy time, I would like to clarify some information regarding state immunization and physical examination requirements while there is plenty of time to plan ahead. New Jersey requires all incoming kindergarten students to have received a minimum number of certain vaccines before being admitted to school, and also requires all incoming kindergarten students to have a physical examination within 365 days of the start of the school year. The current requirements are as follows:

DTaP (Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis): at least 4 doses, including booster on or after the 4th Birthday

IPV (polio vaccine): at least 3 doses, including booster on or after the 4th birthday.

MMR (Measles/Mumps/Rubella): 2 doses; first dose must be given on or after the 1st birthday

Varicella (Chicken Pox) vaccine: at least 1 dose, must be given on or after the 1st birthday

Hepatitis B vaccine: total of 3 vaccines, interval between 1st and 3rd doses cannot be less than 24 weeks

Mantoux Tuberculosis skin test: required if student was not born in the United States; please be aware that having the BCG vaccine does not exempt students from this requirement.

Physical examination (must have been within a year of the first day of school)

Please bring your child's immunization record with you to registration. We cannot initiate registration without it. If your child has not received their booster shots at the time of registration, that is fine, but proof that your child has received at least one dose of all the above immunizations is required. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me. You may also call the Rockaway Borough Health Department at 973-989-7050 or 973-537-7118 for further information regarding state immunization requirements or for assistance with obtaining the vaccines. Thank you very much for your attention to this important matter. I look forward to meeting you!

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