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Dear Parents:

The biennial scoliosis-screening program will begin in February for all 5th and 7th grade students as required by New Jersey law N.J.A.C.6A:16-2.2; N.J.S.A. 18A:40-4.3 to 4.5.

Scoliosis is a lateral curvature of the spine most commonly detected during the rapid adolescent growth period. The effect of scoliosis depends upon its severity, how early it is detected, and how promptly it is treated. The goal of this screening program is early identification, since the progression of curvatures can often be controlled when detected early.

The screening procedure is a simple one in which the trained examiner observes the student's exposed spine for symmetry as he or she stands and bends. Each student is screened individually, assuring privacy.

When screening results deviate from norm, the screener notifies the parent/guardian in writing of these results. Further evaluation by the family healthcare provider is recommended for these students.

ANY STUDENT MAY BE EXEMPT FROM THE EXAMINATION UPON THE WRITTEN REQUEST OF A PARENT/GUARDIAN.

Sincerely,

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