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Dear Parents and Guardians,

This letter is to inform you about a change to the process this year regarding students' immunization records.

Typically, families are notified of out-dated mandatory immunizations and given a timeframe in which to receive the immunization, or update records with the health unit. At the end of that timeframe, the board receives notice from the health unit regarding which students are to be placed on suspension under the Immunization of School Pupils Act.

This year, the medical officer of health for the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, Dr. Jim Chirico, has lifted the suspension component. No suspension letters will be issued this year to those who have not provided updated records. This decision was based on a number of factors, including students who are learning remotely, doctor availability, and logistical concerns caused by the pandemic.

The same process is in place in the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit, which affects students attending MacTier Public School.

Families are still responsible for immunizing their children. When immunizations are given, parents and guardians should ensure the information is faxed from their doctor's office to the health unit, so the student's record is updated.

Please note, this is a temporary measure only that affects the deadline of updating information, not the necessity of immunization. For the school year 2021-2022 families will have to update their records.

More information about vaccination programs can be found [here](#).

Sincerely,
Near North District School Board