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Dear Parents:

The purpose of this letter is to provide information about kindergarten registration. Starting **March 1, 2021**, children who will be enrolling in District kindergarten classes for the 2021-2022 school year can register daily, Monday through Friday at all local elementary schools. (*Please note: schools are closed for Spring break, March 22 – April 2). We encourage families to register children as soon as possible in order to assist school staff to form classes.

To enter kindergarten, a child must be five years old on or before September 1, 2021. A District school may not officially register a pupil, and enrollment shall not be completed, until the following requirements are met:

- I. **Verification of Birthdate:** A certified copy of a birth record, a statement by the local registrar (Department of Public Health) certifying the date of birth, a baptism certificate duly attested, a passport, or an affidavit of the parent, guardian, or custodian of the minor when none of the others is available.
- II. **Verification of Immunization:** Personal belief and religious belief waivers will NOT be accepted. If a licensed physician determines a vaccine should not be given to your child because of medical reasons, the physician must submit the exemption through the California Immunization Registry Medical Exemption (CAIR-ME) website and the parent/guardian must provide school staff with the medical exemption number for verification.

Vaccine	Required Doses
Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Pertussis (DTaP, DTP, Tdap, or Td)	5 doses (4 doses OK if one was given on or after 4th birthday)
Polio (OPV or IPV)	4 doses (3 doses OK if one was given on or after 4th birthday)
Hepatitis B	3 doses
Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR)	2 doses (Both given on or after 1st birthday)
Varicella (Chickenpox)	2 doses

Each date must be signed or initialed by the health-care provider on an accepted immunization record. The physical examination form cannot be used to verify immunizations.

- III. **Verification of Physical Exam:** Documentation of physical examination within six months prior to entering kindergarten or a waiver signed by the parent/guardian in place of the examination for those whose beliefs prohibit physical exams.
- IV. **Verification of Oral Health Assessments:** Documentation of an oral health assessment within one year of entering kindergarten or by May 31 of that year, or waiver signed by parent/guardian in place of examination for those whose beliefs prohibit oral health assessments.
- V. **Verification of Residency:** To be eligible for enrollment, the parent/guardian must show proof of District residence. A list of acceptable documentation is available at the local school office.
- VI. **Completion of the Proper Enrollment Form:** Available at the local school office.

Please share this notice with any known individuals who may have a child ready to enter kindergarten and who may not otherwise receive this announcement.

Thank you,

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