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*José L. Banda, Superintendent*

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Dear Parent or Guardian:

*Christina Pritchett  
President  
Trustee Area 3*

Re: New immunization requirements for 2016

*Jay Hansen  
Vice President  
Trustee Area 1*

Under a new state law (SB 277) effective January 1, parents may no longer cite personal beliefs to exempt their children from required vaccines for school. Most families will not be affected by the new law because their children have received all required vaccinations. Personal beliefs exemptions on file for a child already attending child care or school will remain valid until the child reaches the next immunization checkpoint at kindergarten (including transitional kindergarten or Early Kinder) or seventh grade.

*Jessie Ryan  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President  
Trustee Area 7*

**If your student is enrolling in kindergarten** for the 2016-17 school year and has a Personal Belief Exemption, please begin bringing your child up to date on vaccines as soon as possible. Your child must be current on all immunizations required by law before the first day of school on September 1, 2016. Start the process early as it can take six months to complete some vaccination series.

*Ellen Cochrane  
Trustee Area 2*

**If your student is a current sixth grader**

*Gustavo Arroyo  
Trustee Area 4*

*Diana Rodriguez  
Trustee Area 5*

*Darrel Woo  
Trustee Area 6*

*Elizabeth Barry  
Student Board Member*