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Dear Principal:

Congratulations! New York City public schools exceeded our goal; 99.05% of all students were completely immunized with all required vaccinations as of June 1, 2012. This is the highest level of compliance with Public Health Law §2164 that the schools have ever achieved. Reaching this milestone is a reflection of your commitment to your students and dedication to enforcing school immunization requirements.

With the end of the school year, I want to remind you that all new and returning students to NYC schools must provide proof of immunization upon enrollment. The current 2012-2013 immunization requirements are available at: <http://schools.nyc.gov/medreq>. The changes for the 2012-2013 school year are as follows:

- The vaccine against tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis (Tdap) will now be required for students entering 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, and 11th grade if they are at least 11 years old. The 11th grade requirement is new this year.
- Students entering pre-kindergarten are now required to have at least one dose of pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (PCV13).

Please ensure that any new staff you have who will be working on immunization compliance have received training in the Automate the Schools (ATS) immunization modules and reports. Please reach out to your Children First Network (CFN) team health liaison for support with this work.

As a reminder, data from the Citywide Immunization Registry (CIR) will automatically fill student ATS records for new entrants, as was done last year. This should eliminate the need for your staff to re-enter immunization records that already exist in the CIR.

If you have any questions with school immunization requirements, please call the Bureau of Immunization's Program Support Unit at 347-396-2433.

Sincerely,

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