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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

The 2023-2024 influenza (flu) season is here. The flu can be an unpleasant illness and can cause serious complications. The seasonal flu vaccine is recommended to help protect against influenza viruses. It can reduce the risk of illness and hospitalization among children. It can also help prevent the spread to family and friends, including those who are too young to receive the vaccine.

The Department of Education (DOE) in collaboration with the Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS), will be hosting free influenza (flu) vaccination outreaches at DOE schools. Students must meet the Vaccines For Children (VFC) federal eligibility requirements to receive the vaccine at these events. The eligibility requirements are as follows:

- Must be 6 months – 18 years old
and one of the following:
- Not insured
- Underinsured (vaccines administered at our Community Health Centers or at a DPHSS-sponsored event)
- Medicaid/ MIP

Kindly review the attached vaccine information sheet (VIS). You should discuss the risks and benefits of this vaccine with your child’s healthcare provider. Contact your child’s School Health Counselor/ Nurse regarding event details. Visit the CDC’s influenza web site at <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/> and also <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/parents> for more information about the flu. Please complete the flu vaccine survey below, or the online survey is also available using the QR code. We look forward to receiving your response. ***Let’s say Boo to the flu!***


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FLU VACCINE SURVEY RESPONSE (PLEASE TURN-IN TO NURSE’S OFFICE BY FRIDAY, OCT. 13, 2023)

STUDENT NAME: _____ DATE OF BIRTH: _____

_____ Yes, my child meets the eligibility criteria. I would like my child to receive the flu vaccine for this season.

_____ No, I would not like my child to receive the flu vaccine for this season.

_____ No, my child has already received the flu vaccine for this season.

Parent/Guardian Printed Name

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

