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Dear Parents/ Guardian:

Whooping cough, also known as pertussis, continues to threaten students in California. To help protect your children and others from whooping cough, a new California law, Assembly Bill 354, was signed into law and requires students to be vaccinated against whooping cough.

For the current school year and all future school years, AB 354 will require only students who are entering or advancing into 7th grade to show proof of an adolescent whooping cough booster shot (Tdap) before starting school. A student will be considered to have met the new school requirement with proof of a dose of Tdap on or after their 7th birthday.

We want to make sure your child will be able to start school in August. If your child hasn't had a booster shot yet, please schedule an appointment immediately with your regular doctor. Low cost immunizations are also available through the county public health clinic at:

- Blythe Family Health Center located at 321 W. Hobsonway, Blythe CA
Phone number: (951) 849-6795
Walk-in immunizations are available
Please bring immunization records to clinic

If your child has already received the booster shot, please bring a copy of the health record to Blythe Middle School. Your child will not be able to start school until you submit the documentation for the Tdap requirement.

For additional information:

- <http://www.rivcoph.org>
- California Department of Public Health; www.getimmunizedca.org

Please contact the Health Clerk at your child's school or the District Office at (760) 922-4164 if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you,

Dr. Mike Davitt
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