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Dear Parent/Guardian:

The Pennsylvania School Health Law requires a screening for scoliosis be performed on all students in 6th and 7th grade. This is usually done in the fall. The scoliosis screening will be done by the school nurse. Students who returned their completed 6th grade physical form to the nurse's office does not need screened in 6th grade due to having been screened by their family physician. You are welcome to be present at this exam.

The purpose of a scoliosis screening is to detect possible curvature of the spine in children. If the condition is detected early and appropriately treated, progressive spinal deformity may be prevented. The test is very simple and can be performed in less than a minute. Your child's back will be examined while he/she is standing and bending forward. You will be contacted if there is any reason to have your child examined by your family doctor due to questionable results. To assure a view of the spine, we will request the student expose only their backs during the screening. Each child is screened privately.

If you have your family physician do the exam, please return a copy of the results to the nurse's office.

Child's Name _____ Grade _____

_____ Yes- do the scoliosis exam in school

_____ I would like to be present during the exam. You will be notified of date and time of the exam.

_____ No- Don't do the scoliosis exam

_____ I prefer my child's doctor to do the exam

Parent Signature _____

Thank you for your time and cooperation in this matter!

Sincerely,

Rebekah Marietta
Certified School Nurse