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To: Parents/Guardians of (name of student)

From: (Name of School)

Re: Measles Vaccination Notification

In response to the 644 cases of measles reported nationally in 2014, and the 173 cases already reported in 17 states in 2015, we are looking at what needs to be done to protect our school community. According to our records, your child appears to be inadequately protected against measles.

Measles is a highly contagious airborne virus that can quickly spread to others in a school. It is a serious infection that causes fever, cough, rash, sore eyes, and occasionally dangerous complications. Measles is the most deadly of all childhood rash/fever illnesses and there is no treatment for measles. The CDC considers the MMR vaccine safe and highly effective, and getting vaccinated is the best way to prevent measles.

To be adequately immunized for measles, students K5 through 12th grade need 2 MMRs, and Pre-K students need 1 MMR. As part of the childhood immunization program the first dose of vaccine is required between 12 - 15 months and the second dose before entering school, at 4 – 6 years.

As a parent/guardian, you need to be aware that in the event that a measles exposure would occur at school, all students not adequately immunized for measles will not be allowed to attend school from day 7 through day 21 after exposure. Additionally, those students with no MMR will be quarantined to home during this timeframe.

If your child has received MMR vaccine(s), please provide us with those date(s). If your child is not adequately immunized against measles, please strongly consider making arrangements with your health care provider or local health department.

For further information on measles go to <http://www.cdc.gov/measles> or call the Waukesha County Public Health Division at (262) 896-8430.

Please remember – the best way to protect your child from measles is to ensure they are properly immunized.