

## Immediate Action Required

TO: Parents of Rising 7<sup>th</sup> Graders or Rising 8<sup>th</sup> Graders Who Have Not Met State Tdap Vaccination Requirement

FROM: Mary Leslie Anderson , Principal

Students not meeting the Tdap vaccination requirement will not be allowed to attend school on the first day, Tuesday, August 18, 2015.

On Tuesday, August 18, 2015, your rising seventh grader/rising eighth grader will not receive a schedule or be allowed to attend school because your child has not met the Tdap vaccination requirement of the South Carolina Immunization Law. This law has been in effect since August 2013.

If your child comes to school on Tuesday, August 18 without meeting the vaccination requirement, you will be contacted to pick him/her up from school. Your child cannot attend school until he/she meets the Tdap requirement. Medical exemptions issued by a doctor or religious exemptions issued by DHEC are also accepted. Students new to Greenville County from other South Carolina counties or other states are granted a 30-day exemption from the date of the student's enrollment.

We want every child to start the new school year on a positive note. I encourage you to get the Tdap immunization for your child so that he or she will be ready to learn on the first day of school.

The Tdap vaccination, which protects against diphtheria, tetanus, and pertussis (whooping cough), is given by health providers, many pharmacies, and the Greenville County Health Department. For additional information, please contact the Health Department at 282-4100.