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Dear Parents/Guardians,

You may be aware that California has passed a law, effective January 1, 2016, stating that parents or guardians of students in any school or child-care facility, whether public or private, will no longer be allowed to submit a personal beliefs exemption to a currently-required vaccine.

Personal Belief Exemptions

[Personal beliefs exemptions](#) (PBEs) filed at a school or child-care facility **before** January 1, 2016 will remain valid until the student enrolls in the next grade span, typically at kindergarten / transitional kindergarten or 7th grade. PBEs filed in 2015 are only valid when signed by both an authorized health care provider and a parent/guardian no more than 6 months prior to first entry into school or child care or a new grade span. Therefore, PBEs filed in 2015 are **invalid** for children first entering child care or school in California in the fall of 2016.

Child Care Facilities

A [personal beliefs exemption](#) filed with a child-care facility before January 1, 2016 is valid until entry into the next grade span (transitional kindergarten through 6th grade). Personal beliefs exemptions may be transferred between child-care facilities in California, however, if the personal belief exemption documentation is no longer available, children must meet immunization requirements to attend the new child-care facility.

Public Schools

A [personal beliefs exemption](#) filed with a school before January 1, 2016 is valid until entry into the next grade span (7th through 12th grade). Personal beliefs exemptions may be transferred between schools in California, both within and across school districts. However, if the personal beliefs exemption documentation is no longer available, students must meet immunization requirements or be enrolled in an independent study program with no classroom-based instruction or in a home-based private school.

In summary, the following conditions apply for a PBE filed before 2016:

- The PBE will remain valid until the child first enters the span between transitional kindergarten through 6th grade.
- Entry to any grade from transitional kindergarten/kindergarten through 6th grade will remain valid until the child completes 6th grade.
- Entry to any grade from 7th through 12th will remain valid through 12th grade.

Complete information and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) can be found at www.shotsforschools.org. If you have any questions please contact Ellen Russ, RN at eruss@wiseburn.org. You can also contact the nurse via telephone at (310) 725-5400.

Sincerely,

Director of Psychological and Child Services