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Re: Requirement for Human Papillomavirus (HPV) and Flu Vaccines

Dear Public Representatives:

As a New York State School Board of Education, we understand and are in agreement with New York State legislation and court rulings requiring medical vaccinations for school age children to attend public K-12 schools, as it is constitutional in order to protect public safety.

The passing of dormant bills, S298b and A2912A, which requires school age children be vaccinated for human papillomavirus (HPV) would be an overreach as this is not a public health crisis in a school setting.

As a Board of Education, we acknowledge we are a non-voting party in this matter, and have encouraged our residents who are not in support of these bills to contact you directly. In addition, we are advocating that our elected officials partner with the appropriate health agencies, and medical community, to ensure appropriate language is drafted and vetted, including a viable implementation process should there be any amendments to public health law section 2164 as it relates to requiring human papillomavirus (HPV) and flu vaccines for K-12 public school students.

On behalf of the Miller Place School District community, thank you for your time, consideration and representation.

Sincerely,



Johanna Testa
Board of Education President