

Date: September 8, 2009

To: Parents of Students 6th – 12th Grades

Subject: Garrett's Law

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On July 17, 2004, Senate Bill 260 previously referred to as "Garrett's Law" was signed by Governor Easley. "Garrett's Law" mandates that every school district must provide parents and guardians with information about meningococcal meningitis, influenza and their vaccines. Beginning in 2007 information about the Human Papillomavirus must also be provided.

Enclosed you will find the following documents for your use:

- ❖ "What Parents Need to Know About the Flu."
- ❖ "What You Need to Know About Meningococcal Meningitis."
- ❖ "Cover Your Cough."
- ❖ "Skin Infections."
- ❖ "HPV."

Our goal is to reduce the spread of disease through encouraging healthy behaviors and increasing vaccination, therefore resulting in reduced absenteeism.

If you have any questions, please contact the school nurse assigned to your school or I can be reached at 704-866-6264.