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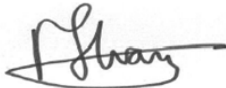
Dear Parent and Guardian:

The COVID -19 Pandemic has had a significant impact on all Nova Scotians including our school community. Given the uncertainty as to the evolution of the pandemic and the impact as to when schools may be able to reopen, I want to provide you with information related to the delivery of the Grade 7 immunization program which is a shared responsibility between the Department of Health and Wellness (DHW) and the Nova Scotia Health Authority (NSHA).

Students in Grade 7 were scheduled to receive the Tdap vaccine and their second dose of the HPV and Hepatitis B vaccines this spring. Considering the current situation, Public Health in the NSHA will be required to suspend these clinics in the interim and re-evaluate when it is feasible to operationalize them. This may require offering the students these vaccines in the fall of 2020.

I want to reassure you that the Grade 7 immunization program is of utmost importance to the both DHW and the NSHA and we will work to ensure the eligible students receive these important vaccines.

Sincerely,



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