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TAFT SCHOOL IMMUNIZATION POLICY

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I am aware of the plethora of documents you receive and try to decipher in order for you to get your child ready for the Taft School. I am adding to this mass of information. However, I hope this letter will help simplify rather than complicate things regarding the Health Center Policy regarding immunizations.

The Taft School has the policy that all students be fully vaccinated upon entry to the Taft School and the Taft Summer School. The wisdom of this can be debated theoretically but will not be debated in practice.

Unless a student has a medical contraindication to vaccinations due to an immune or other documented medical issue, no exceptions will be made regarding completion of all required vaccinations. Also medical documentation of the contraindication must be proven by a specialist and not from a primary care physician. A student cannot remain as part of the student body without such vaccinations. This is to protect those few students who cannot safely receive vaccinations.

Please do not send your child to Taft unvaccinated. If you cannot receive the appropriate vaccines in your area, the Health Center will be happy to help facilitate vaccines here in Connecticut. For the protection of each student and all students, non-immunized or under immunized students will not be allowed to remain on campus.

Sincerely,

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