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Dear Parents,

Beginning July 1, 2011, the California Public Health Department requires proof of a "Whooping Cough" Pertussis/Tdap vaccine booster for all students in grades 7 through 12. **You will need to provide a stamped *California Immunization Record* (yellow) card as proof of the Pertussis/Tdap vaccine booster (*Adacel* or *Boostrix*).**

The new law requires public and private school students to be immunized against whooping cough as follows:

- For the **2011-2012** school year only, **all students entering grades 7 through 12** need to show proof of a Pertussis/Tdap vaccine booster (Tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis) before starting school.
- **Students will not be able to attend school or receive a class schedule without showing proof of the Pertussis/Tdap vaccine booster.**
- This requirement can be met by receiving **one dose of Pertussis/Tdap vaccine booster on or after the 7th birthday.** Adults are also advised to get a Pertussis/Tdap vaccine booster to protect themselves and their families.

In order to prepare for this, the Chino Valley Unified School District recommends that you arrange for your student(s) in grades 6-12 to obtain the required Pertussis/Tdap vaccine booster through your family physician or Public Health Department Clinics. In order to avoid the last minute crowd and possible vaccine shortage, we encourage you to make arrangements now.

- For a Public Health Clinic appointment, please call (800) 722-4777.

When your child has received the Pertussis/Tdap vaccine booster, please take proof (yellow vaccine record card) to the school office.

Sincerely,

Wayne M. Joseph
Superintendent