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## Dear Parent/Guardian:

Your child has an exemption or incomplete record of vaccination on file with the school for the measles vaccine. At the current time, there have been no identified cases of measles in our school. However, in the event a single case of measles is identified within the school, your child will be excluded from school to protect his/her health and the health of all our students and staff. This exclusion will last for a minimum of 21 days.

Exclusion means a student is not allowed to participate in classes or any school sponsored activities. This includes, but is not limited to, activities such as sporting events, dances, and graduations that occur within the exclusion period. The school, in partnership with the local or state health department, will notify you when your child can return to school.

Most cases of measles occur in individuals who are not vaccinated or who are incompletely vaccinated. Children who cannot be vaccinated with measles vaccine due to medical contraindications may become seriously ill if infected and must be excluded from school until the threat of measles has been eliminated. Children not vaccinated for other reasons who receive a measles-containing vaccine (MMR) within 72 hours of first potential exposure to a measles virus may be permitted to return to school. As a parent or guardian, you can protect your child from measles by getting them vaccinated with two (2) doses of the Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) vaccine. Children can safely receive doses of the vaccine as few as 28 days apart.

Please contact your child's healthcare provider or the local health department at 317-477-1125 to obtain the MMR vaccine. Present any records of vaccination that you receive to the school as soon as possible following vaccination. This will prevent your child from being excluded from school should a case of measles be identified.

For more information about measles, please visit the following:

Centers for Disease Control & Prevention's (CDC) measles website: <a href="http://www.cdc.gov/features/measles/">http://www.cdc.gov/features/measles/</a>

IN State Department of Health (ISDH) measles website: http://www.in.gov/isdh/25456.htm

