Dear Parents

The State of New Jersey Public Law 1978, Chapter 97 (18A.40-5), requires all schools to annually screen children between the ages of 10-18 for scoliosis (curvature of the spine). All students 10 years of age and those in grades 5 through 12 will be screened by a doctor, nurse, or physical education instructor.

The examinations for boys and girls will be conducted separately. Female students will be examined by the doctor, nurse or female physical education instructor.

The procedure for screening is a simple one. The student will remove his/her top and undershirt. Girls may wear leotards or bras. The examiner will inspect the child’s spine as he/she stands and bends forward. If a spinal problem is suspected, parents will be notified. Early corrective treatment is a simple procedure.

If your child is currently under active treatment for a spinal problem or you prefer to have your personal physician do the screening, please notify the school nurse in writing.

Sincerely,

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