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To: District Administrators
From: Carolyn Stanford Taylor, Assistant State Superintendent
Subject: School Health Services Updates

As you begin your school year, the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction's (DPI) Student Services/Prevention and Wellness Team would like to welcome you back and inform you of some important school health updates and notices.

School Immunization Law Changes

The Wisconsin Immunization Program provided DPI with written information about changes to the Immunization Law that take effect at the start of the 2015-16 school year. The letter to principals explaining the changes is at <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/immunization/reqs.htm>. In summary, schools can no longer report individual student specific information for those out of compliance to local health departments or to District Attorneys without written parent consent. All other aspects of the immunization assessment process remain the same. The change is necessary to bring the immunization assessment reporting procedures into compliance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). Revised forms are currently available on the Wisconsin Immunization Program page at <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/immunization/reqs.htm>. The School Immunization booklet will be posted on the Immunization Program website as soon as it is complete.

New School Nurse Training

The New School Nurse Training is scheduled for October 7-8, 2015, in Madison at the Holiday Inn at the American Center. This training is appropriate for those nurses who will be working for the first time in or with a school district. It is also appropriate for nurses who worked previously in a school setting but, after an absence from such setting, are returning to a primary role as a school nurse. Topics that will be covered include guidance on the laws that affect school health, information on IEP's, 504's, school health records, and chronic health conditions management. This two-day workshop is a collaborative effort of the DPI and the Wisconsin Association of School Nurses. The cost of the program is \$90.00. Visit <https://www.regonline.com/builder/site/?eventid=1675579> for registration information.

Revised Dietary Form

The revised physician's form for requesting special dietary needs provides guidance and documentation for meals provided through school Food Services. The updated dietary form (6/2015) can be found on the Special Dietary Needs webpage at <http://dpi.wi.gov/school-nutrition/national-school-lunch-program/special-dietary-needs> under the 5th bullet. The form is available in English, Spanish, and Hmong.

If you have questions about any of the listed items, please contact Freddi Adelson or Dawn Sebranek, School Nursing and Health Services consultants, at freddi.adelson@dpi.wi.gov or dawn.sebranek@dpi.wi.gov, or contact Steve Fernan, Assistant Director, Student Services/Prevention and Wellness at steven.fernan@dpi.wi.gov.