Dear Parents,

We will be checking 6th thru 8th grade students for scoliosis within the next few weeks at your school. Scoliosis is curvature of the spine and can usually be corrected if detected in these growing years. The procedure for screening is a simple one in which the student’s backs will be examined as they stand upright and as they bend forward.

• Boys and girls will be screened separately. Clothing hides some of the subtle changes of the back and makes accurate screening much more difficult. Therefore, students will be asked to remove their shirts. Bras, swimsuits and undershirts are acceptable for girls.
• If your child has a suspected curvature, you will be notified and asked to take your child to your primary health care provider for further evaluation.
• If you do not wish to have your child participate in this screening program, please submit a note indicating this to the school.

Thank you,

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