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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Our records show you have one or more children with a personal or philosophical exemption to the measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) vaccine. As of July 28, 2019, a new state law removes the personal and philosophical option to exempt children from the MMR vaccine required for school and child care attendance. Medical and religious exemptions are not affected by this new law.

Based on this new law, you will need to provide updated immunization paperwork at or before the start of the 2019-2020 school year, starting on September 4, 2019. Children without a medical or religious exemption will need two doses of MMR vaccine to be allowed into school.

Because MMR vaccine doses must be administered at least a month apart, your child may be entered into school if they have paperwork showing at least one dose of MMR vaccine by the beginning of the school year. This will place your child under conditional status for up to 30 days, at which point you will need to provide records showing your child received the second dose of vaccine.

In Summary:

- Personal/philosophical exemptions for MMR are no longer valid
- Your child needs proof of MMR vaccination by the first day of school
- Children not compliant with state vaccine requirements may be excluded from school

By notifying you before the end of the 2018-2019 school year, we hope you will have sufficient time to meet the new immunization requirements for the next school year starting on September 4, 2019.

We all want to make good choices and do what's best for our children. As a community, we must protect our own health and work together to protect each other's health. Choosing to immunize is one of the most important decisions you can make to protect yourself, your children, your family, and the community from diseases that vaccines prevent. Vaccination keeps kids healthy and ready to learn.

You can find more information at the WA Department of Health exemption law change web page, including FAQs: www.doh.wa.gov/mmrexemption

If you have any questions, you can contact us at 360-794-8200 or secretary@monroechristian.org.

Thank you.