Waterford-Halfmoon Elementary School 125 Middletown Road, Waterford, NY 12188 (518) 237-0800

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As of July 1, 2018 New York State law requires a health examination for all students entering the school district for the first time and when entering Pre-K or K, 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup> grade.

The examination must be completed by a New York State licensed physician, physician assistant or nurse practitioner and on the approved NYSED Student Health Examination Form for School.

A dental certificate which states your child has been seen by a dentist or dental hygienist is also asked for at the same time. The school will provide you with a list of dentists and registered dental hygienists who offer dental services on a free or reduced cost basis if you ask for it.

- A copy of the health examination must be provided to the school within 30 days from when your child first starts at the school, and when your child starts K, 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, & 11<sup>th</sup> grades. If a copy is not given to the school within 30 days, the school will contact you.
- If your child has an appointment for an exam during this school year that is after the first 30 days of school, please notify the Health Office with the date.
- For your convenience, a physical exam form and dental certificate for your health care providers is enclosed.
- Communication between private and school health staff is important for safe and effective care
  at school. Your healthcare provider may not share health information with school health staff
  without your signed permission. Please talk to your provider about signing their consent form for
  the school at the time of your child's appointment for the examination.

We suggest you make copies of the completed forms for your own records before sending them to the school health office. Forms may also be faxed to the number below.

Please see the additional letter included to describe two important changes coming in 2018-19 school year. After reviewing please share the letter with your provide.

Sincerely,

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