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Dear Parent/Legal Guardian of a sixth grader:

The Hawaii State Departments of Education (DOE) and Health (DOH) are collaborating on ways to protect and ensure the health of our keiki. We know adolescence is a time of tremendous physical, emotional, and social change, and a physical examination can help to prevent health issues from developing.

School Year 2017-18 Physical Examination Requirement for seventh graders

Beginning with school year 2017-18, all seventh graders must complete a physical examination pursuant to state law. The first day of instruction for a majority of middle and intermediate schools will be Monday, August 7, 2017.

It is important that families plan ahead and schedule appointments early to ensure their child's physical examination is completed in a timely manner preferably before the new school year begins.

What type of medical practitioner may conduct a physical examination?

A physical examination is provided by a licensed physician, physician assistant, or advanced practice registered nurse. Also, known as a well-child visit, this appointment is an opportune time and safe environment for your son or daughter to talk to their doctor about health and wellness issues.

Who will cover the physical examination cost?

Well-child visits are an annually covered benefit under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA).

Does a form need to be completed?

On the day of your child's appointment, please provide the primary care provider with the attached Form-14 (Student Health Record Rev. 2009) to complete during the visit. Submit the completed Form 14 to your child's school when he/she registers for the seventh grade.

For more information about the 7th grade physical examination requirement, visit www.hawaiipublicschools.org and search for "Physical Exam".

Mahalo for supporting your child's health!

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Kathryn S. Matayoshi in black ink.

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