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TO THE PARENTS OF: Incoming Kindergarten Students

FROM: Kelly Dennis, RN

RE: **Physical Exam (due first full day of school)**
Vision Exam (due October 15, 2008)
Dental Exam (due May 15, 2009)

Public Act 95-671, effective January 2008, requires that all children enrolling in kindergarten shall have an eye examination. The deadline for the examination is October 15, 2008. The exam must be done by a licensed optometrist or by a physician licensed to practice medicine. Please don't confuse the eye chart screening that is done in the pediatrician's office as the required examination. The eye chart or use of a vision screener does not meet the criteria of an eye examination, which includes external and internal exam, binocular function, accommodation, glaucoma testing, oculomotor assessment, refraction, and possible recommendations for corrective lenses and corrected visual acuity.

I have attached an Eye Examination Report for the doctor to complete. If you are unable to obtain the eye exam due to undue burden or a lack of access to an eye doctor please complete the attached waiver form and return it to the school.

Just a reminder.... your kindergarten student will also need a physical exam and current immunizations before entering kindergarten. This must be turned in by the first full day of school. The extended deadline of October 15th does not apply to the physical exam.

Dental exams are required for kindergarten students, but are not due until the end of the school year (May 15, 2009). Pawnee School District hosts an in-school dental program during the school year to help parents meet this requirement. You may choose to use this service or have your dentist complete the exam. More information about the dental program will be available in the fall.

Please call me if you have any questions. I will be available in my office (625-2231 ext. 203) until May 27th. Any questions that you may have over the summer can be addressed at registration in August.

Thank you and have a great summer.

Kelly Dennis, RN ☺