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Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

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Dear School District Superintendent:

As you are aware, the Pennsylvania School Code currently requires tuberculosis testing of school age children and employees. This includes the tuberculin skin testing of school enterers, ninth graders, and all school employees and volunteers.

The Department of Health is in the process of proposing for legislative consideration revisions to the health services section of the Public School Code. As you may know, the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Thoracic Society and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention all recommend the elimination of all requirements for routine tuberculin skin testing. Accordingly, the Department of Health will be recommending regulations that are consistent with those recommendations.

If you wish to modify any aspect of the tuberculosis testing requirements in your school district prior to any change to the law, we encourage you to submit a written modification request to the Department of Health for consideration in accordance with Section 1402 (f) of the Pennsylvania School Code. Please direct all questions and modification requests to the Pennsylvania Department of Health, Division of School Health, P.O. Box 90, Harrisburg, PA 17108-0090, telephone (717) 787-2390.

Sincerely,

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Daniel F. Hoffmann
Secretary of Health

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Eugene W. Hickok
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