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Dear Parents and Guardians:

We look forward to welcoming your child to a new school year. We are writing to remind you New York State requires each student to have a physical examination upon entering ninth grade. If they play sports or need working papers, they must also have a physical. Your own family doctor should do the exam. They know your child well and can measure any changes in your child's health. If needed, they can do referrals for glasses, dentist, etc., at the same time.

We understand that some children may have received a physical within the last year but others will need to receive their yearly medical exam after school starts. Effective July 1, 2018, New York State has a new form that should be used to record a physical exam. A copy of the form is enclosed. The medical provider can complete the form electronically or by hand. You can send it in when it is completed. We would like all of the forms no later than the end of September.

If you or your child needs health insurance including Medicaid, Medicaid Managed Care, or Child and Family Health Plus, please call the Salvation Army (315-476-1382) or ACR Health (315-475-2430). You will get the assistance of a "navigator" to help you sign up. Benefits include doctor visits; hospital and emergency care; vision, speech and hearing services; prescriptions; mental health; and, in some cases, dental care.

For further information, please contact us if you have any questions. The number of the main office of OnTECH is 315-396-0558.

Sincerely,
Your OnTECH Team