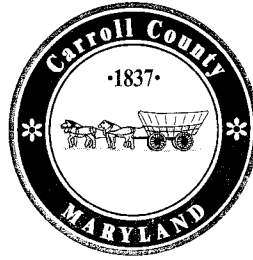


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Dear Parents/Guardians:

The Carroll County School Health Program is a joint endeavor of the Board of Education and the Carroll County Health Department. It is our goal to work with all parents in the county to keep our children healthy, and to provide an environment that enables them to achieve their full potential.

A physical and dental examination are required before your child enters kindergarten and/or Maryland public schools for the first time. After your physician and dentist have completed the accompanying examination and immunization records, please return them to the school where your child is enrolled.

In addition, the parent of any child entering public pre-kindergarten, kindergarten, or first grade who lives in, or has ever lived in a designated "at-risk" area, is required to provide certified documentation from a health care provider of a blood test for lead poisoning.

Diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus, poliomyelitis, measles, mumps, rubella, chicken pox, hepatitis B, and hemophilus infections are serious diseases which can be prevented. Your child must be immunized against these diseases by your family doctor or the Health Department. Maryland State law requires these immunizations prior to school entry, and your child **will not be admitted to school until these requirements are met.** A completed Maryland Immunization Certificate (Form DHMH 896) must be presented to school prior to admission. If you have questions about these requirements, please contact your private physician or the Carroll County Health Department at 876-4942, 876-4900 or 857-5000. A community health nurse will be available to help you.

Carroll County Health Department will be performing vision and hearing screening to children in pre-kindergarten, kindergarten, 1st, 4th and 8th grades. If any problems are found, you will be notified so that appropriate measures can be taken.

During the course of your child's elementary school education, the teachers, the nurses in the school and public health nurses will be working together to detect any problems your child might develop which could adversely affect his ability to learn.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elizabeth M. Ruff, M.D." The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

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