## **EUREKA UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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To: Parents/Guardians of Incoming Transitional Kindergartners/Kindergartners

From: Eureka USD Credentialed School Nurses

Re: Required Health Assessments

Welcome to the Eureka Union School District! Many things influence a child's progress and success in school, including their health. Please review the information below in regards to two required health assessments for your child:

## **Physical Requirement**

State law requires that all students receive a physical examination 18 months before or within 90 days after entry into first grade. A health screening is important because your child may appear healthy but still have a health problem that could interfere with his/her education. Health problems found early are usually easier to treat and correct.

If your child needs a physical examination, your own physician may do it. If you need assistance locating a local health care provider, please contact the Placer County Health Department at (530) 886-3620. Your child may qualify for a CHDP (California Health and Disability Prevention Program) school entrance examination at no cost to you depending on your income and family size, provided a CHDP provider does the examination.

Please note the attached state form may be presented at physical examination for medical provider to complete, but other records of the examination will be accepted if the record contains the required information on the attached form.

## **Oral Health Assessment**

To make sure your child is ready for school, California law, *Education Code* Section 49452.8, requires that your child have an oral health assessment (dental check-up) **by May 31 in** his or her **first year in public school**. Assessments that have been completed within the 12 months before your child enters school also meet this requirement. The law specifies that the assessment must be done by a licensed dentist or other licensed or registered dental health professional. Please take the attached Oral Health Assessment/Waiver Request form to your dentist's office. If you do not already have a dentist, the following resources will help you find a dentist and complete this requirement. Medi-Cal/Denti-Cal's toll-free number or Web site can help you to find a dentist who takes Denti-Cal: <a href="www.denti-cal.ca.gov">www.denti-cal.ca.gov</a> or 1-800-322- 6384.

California law requires schools to maintain the privacy of students' health information. You can be assured that your child's identity will not be associated with any report produced as a result of these requirements. Thank you for your cooperation and prompt attention to this matter. ©