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Dear Seventh and Eighth Grade Parents,

A screening program to find children with possible abnormal curvature of the spine (Scoliosis) will be conducted in your child's Physical Education class in accordance with state law May 5th and 6th. Approximately 7-10% of children in this age group develop Scoliosis, and 2-3% will require treatment. If Scoliosis is detected early and appropriately treated, progressive spine deformity can be prevented. A trained physical education teacher or the school nurse will screen your child in private.

The procedure is simple and takes only about 30 seconds per student. The screener looks at the child's back, standing, bent forward, and sideways.

You will be notified immediately if your child displays any possible signs of Scoliosis. You will be asked to take your child to your family physician, pediatrician, or orthopedist for further examination.

You may write a note to the school nurse if your child is currently being treated for Scoliosis. The note will excuse your child from being rechecked. Students who have had a physical to tryout for a school sport or has a current physical on file with the nurse for another reason will not have to be screened again.

Sincerely

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