6th GRADE PARENTS
New State Law
(Education code Section 49403, California Code of Regulations title 17)

Pertussis (Whooping Cough) Immunization Requirement
7th Grade Students

All students entering 7th grade will need proof of having received a Pertussis (Whooping Cough) immunization booster before the start of the 2012-2013 school year. Children who have not met this requirement will not receive a schedule or be allowed to start school next August. To avoid any delay in resuming school in the fall, please have your child immunized and provide the school with documentation prior to June 1st.

To meet this requirement, students will need to have one dose of a pertussis containing vaccine on or after the 7th birthday. Check your child's immunization record with the chart below or call your family physician to determine if your child has met the requirement.

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<th>Vaccine Name</th>
<th>Disease it helps prevent</th>
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If your child already received this vaccine:
Bring your child’s immunization record to the school office as soon as possible.

If your child needs this vaccine, immunization may be obtained from:
Your family physician
The Public Health Department: $25 or your child may qualify for a free booster if you do not have health coverage and cannot afford it. (Paso Robles office - 237-3050)
Many local pharmacies offer this immunization

If you have any questions, please call the nurse at 434-5824.

More information can be found on the school or district website or from the California Department, Immunization Branch at www.cdph.ca.gov.
Thank you for your cooperation.