FOR the 2018-19 School Year

Parents:

All kids entering **7**th, **8**th, **9**th and **12**th **grades** must have the **meningococcal vaccine**.

Without it, they can't start school.

About the Vaccine:

- It's not a new vaccine. It's been recommended for a decade.
- Most parents already choose to vaccinate their children.
- The meningococcal vaccine has been required for school entry since Sept. 1, 2016.

About Meningococcal Disease:

- It causes **bacterial meningitis** and other serious diseases.
- · Teens and young adults are at greater risk.
- It comes on quickly and without warning.
- · Its symptoms are similar to the flu.
- Every case of this disease can result in death or long-term disability.

Check with your doctor. Even kids who have had a shot before may need a booster to start school.

