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To: ED, State Board of Ed
Subject: IRR

Dear Ms. Molchanow,

I write to you this evening regarding **the proposed changes to the vaccination policy (IRRC #3146 & 3147)** with the hope that you will consider the opinions of parents that value our health care and educational freedoms in Pennsylvania.

I soundly and whole-heartedly oppose the addition of the Pertussis vaccine for kindergarten enrollment. We are currently seeing outbreaks of pertussis among fully vaccinated populations. The CDC and top doctors are verifying the lack of efficacy and the early waning of any immunity provided by this vaccine. It seems hasty to add a vaccine that is currently under scrutiny from the medical community to the requirements.

I do not support the additional of a Meningococcal vaccine to the 12th grade itinerary as I feel that the addition of this vaccine is not only unnecessary but would significantly raise costs and risks that far outweigh any possible benefit. The disease is extremely rare. The incidence rate for meningococcal disease, according to the CDC, is 0.3-0.5/100,000 <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/surv-manual/chpt08-mening.html>. Furthermore, "In the United States, meningococcal outbreaks account for less than 2% of reported cases (98% of cases are sporadic)." Therefore, transmission in the school setting is very unlikely.

I am not opposed to decreasing the provisional period for student enrollment but the proposal does not allow enough time for students who may be sick to wait until they are healthy to catch up with their vaccines. It will cause parents stress and unnecessary expense as they will have to file extensions and take their sick child to the doctor for a waiver.

Thank you very much for your time and service.

Sincerely

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