

3147

Kolva, Patti

RECEIVED
IRRC

From: Mary Jo Walsh <mjwalsh@fellcharter.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 27, 2016 9:25 AM
To: Findley, Cynthia
Subject: Public Comment

2016 APR 29 AM 9:58

Dear Ms. Findley,

The proposed amendments to Chapter 23, Subchapter C that would take steps to ensure that children attending schools in this Commonwealth related to potential outbreaks of vaccine-preventable diseases needs to be taken very seriously. We MUST ensure that children are protected-particularly those children who are medically unable to obtain a vaccination and, therefore, are our most vulnerable children. It is imperative that all children are vaccinated prior to attending school. The only way to protect all children is to make sure that no child misses the opportunity to be vaccinated. It is my professional opinion that prior to students being admitted to a school in our Commonwealth (public or private) they must be vaccinated. We cannot afford to put all children at risk (for medically-treatable diseases) because of the choices of a few parents who do not agree with vaccination.

The cost for the vaccinations needs to be covered by either parent/guardian health care or some other form of state-wide health care. The costs CANNOT be passed onto the schools.

Thank you,

Mary Jo Walsh, Principal