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Dear 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent/Guardian:



The Texas Department of State Health Services requires students in certain grade levels to be screened for Hearing, Vision, Type II Diabetes, and Scoliosis. Because of this state law we are required to conduct these screenings during the 2020-2021 school year. However, due to challenges created by the COVID-19 pandemic, your child has not received a Scoliosis (spinal) screening. Spinal screening can detect abnormal spinal curvatures at an early stage. Early detection is important for controlling spinal deformities.

The Department of State Health Services encourages you to take your child(ren) to a medical provider for well-child exams. During these appointments ask for a spinal screening. If your provider screens your child, please provide us the results (pass or fail) for our records.

Signs your child may have an abnormal spinal curvature:

- Uneven shoulders or hips
- Ribs that are prominent or stick out in one area
- Muscles that are prominent in the lower back or bulge on one side

If you think your child has an abnormal spinal curvature, contact your school nurse and discuss your concerns with them.

Sincerely,

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