Dear Beach Parents,

February has been a successful month and we are excited for what lies ahead in March.

A special “GOOD LUCK” goes out to the winning Quiz Bowl teams from each grade level that will represent Chelsea at the county wide event at Saline Middle School this Saturday, February 29. So what lies ahead:

* Sixth and seventh grade students will meet with our Counselling Team and later this month we will upload their schedule requests for next year into PowerSchool—it’s almost here!
* The Media Center will have the final Book Fair for this school year beginning March 9.
* Our Drama Club will have their final performance on Friday, March 6 and Saturday, March 7 at 7:00 PM.
* 5th and 6th grade Orchestra will have a concert on Tuesday March 24, at 7:00 PM.
* 7th and 8th grade Jazz Band Concert will have their concert on Thursday, March 26, at 7:00 PM.

Please take a moment to look over the BMS Calendar towards the end of our newsletter. It has all the important dates to mark on your calendar.

Thank you for being an integral part of the Beach team. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you need help supporting your child.

With much enthusiasm,

Nick Angel
Principal
BMS ATHLETICS

Our winter sports season is coming to a close. Congrats to our swim and dive team on another fine season and to those who qualified for the MISCA Championships this year. Also, congratulations to our wrestlers on another fine season. Our middle school competitive cheer team had an outstanding season and finished 2nd at our annual Bulldog Bash here in Chelsea. Finally, our girls’ basketball teams wrap up their season at the beginning of March.

Spring sports will begin in mid-March with track and lacrosse. If you have specific questions regarding track, contact Mr. Schumann or Mr. Knight. If your child is interested in lacrosse, please contact varsity coach Matt Greca at matthew.greca@yahoo.com. Thanks and as always,

GO BULLDOGS!

Jason Morris
Assistant Athletic Director
Chelsea High School

“Counselor’s Corner”

“Encouragement”

Acceptance and confidence are important aspects of a teen’s self-concept. The adults in a child’s life help build her/his sense of acceptance and confidence. Encouragement is an important tool adults can use to communicate this acceptance and confidence to their teen.

The following points are strategies for encouraging your teenager.

1. **Emphasize the strengths** of the teen or the strong points of their effort. Everyone needs to experience success.

2. **Minimize weaknesses and failure.** No one profits from knowing only their flaws. Help your teen focus on how to correct and learn from a mistake.

3. **Show you care.** Everyone needs to believe that those around them care. This support helps a person through difficult times.

4. **Spend time together.** Spending time with your child, especially unstructured time, communicates the adult’s caring and acceptance to her/him.

5. **Develop patterns of learning to build success.** Structuring a difficult task into smaller, achievable steps can help a teen experience success and teach a valuable skill.

6. **Value silence as a means to limit discouragement.** Adults should try to avoid talking when they are extremely angry, unhappy or disappointed with a teen. If adults can discuss these feelings in an appropriate manner, more will be accomplished and it provides the teen with a healthy role model for sharing feelings.

7. **Support effort, not just success.** This is a powerful way to encourage. Teens who are unsure of themselves need support while they learn to succeed.

8. **Try to understand your child’s point of view.** As adults view the world through your teen’s eyes, they may gain a more realistic perspective of their world. Be an open, patient, and an active listener.

9. **Be positive for both of you.** The adult’s positive attitude will influence your teen’s attitude.

10. **Both adults and children have the right to have a bad day.** It is important that adults and teens let each other know when they are having a bad day. Knowing a person is having a bad day has a tendency to reduce the pressure they feel when things go wrong.

11. **Share constructive feedback when a child makes a mistake.** Help the teen to look at what went wrong and brainstorm what they could do differently in the future. Focus on the teen’s behavior and try to avoid judging.

The middle of the school year is a great time to be more encouraging and to assess how the year is going. Clearly reviewing your realistic expectations for school performance (in a calm manner) and asking open-ended questions may help start this assessment. “Do you feel you are doing your best job at school?” “What study habits are working for you?” “What do you need to change or improve on?” “How can I help or support you with this?” “What can you do to keep up the hard work and effort throughout the year?” Help your teen come up with strategies, choose one and work on achieving it. Set up a time to have them share their progress.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact a Beach School counselor: Marie Lombardo (ext. 2303), Dennis Strzyzewski (ext. 2013), or Social Worker Mara Kelly (ext. 2015).
2020-21 IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR 6TH GRADE PARENTS

Please be aware that your child’s immunizations need to be complete before they can enter into 7th grade this 2020-21 school year. The immunization requirements for our incoming 2020 7th grade students are 4 doses of DTP, 3 doses of Polio, 2 doses MMR, 3 doses of Hepatitis B, 1 dose Meningococcal, and 2 doses Varicella.

IMPORTANT CHANGES TO THE IMMUNIZATION WAIVER PROCESS:

“The new Washtenaw County Public Health (WCPH) requirements state that parents seeking a “nonmedical” waiver must go to the local health department for science based education regarding vaccines. WCPH will issue all waivers, which will be stamped, signed and embossed by a WCPH employee after the education has taken place. This must be a current 2020 signed waiver form. The parent will return the waiver to the school and the school personnel will process the waiver as they have in the past. A “medical” waiver form must be filled out and signed by the child’s physician then brought to the school.”

Again, please note that your incoming 2020 7th grade child may not begin the school year at Beach Middle School without being fully updated with their immunizations.

Please note that the office will also need a signed 2020 FERPA Consent Form turned into the office any time between now and the beginning of the 2020-21 school year. This form will allow our school district to add immunizations, as needed, and update address changes. The FERPA Consent Form can be found at the end of this newsletter.

If you have any questions, please call Patti in our Beach Office at 734-433-2202 between 7:30-11:00 AM or the Washtenaw County Public Health Department at 734-544-6700. Thank you.
For over 32 years, the National Geographic Society has held the National Geographic Bee for students in the fourth through eighth grades in thousands of schools across the United States. Beach Middle School was happy to again be participating. Beach students in grades six through eight were asked a series of questions at the classroom level. Then, the winner from each Global Studies/History class advanced to the school competition.

Drew Watson, a 7th grader at Beach Middle School, has won our school-level competition of the National Geographic Bee. Drew now has a chance at winning an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C., for the national competition. Drew has taken an online test to try and advance to the state level of the competition, where up to 100 of the top scorers on that test in the state will be eligible to compete. Good luck, Drew!
SRSLY Check Your Stats

SRSLY is partnering with Project Success to visit lunches at Beach every first Monday of the month to share statistics and treats. March's stat is: 95% of Chelsea students have not abused prescription drugs in the past 30 days (MiPHY 2018). Dispose of your unused and expired medications at the Big Red Barrel in the Chelsea Police Department!

SRSLY Youth Leadership Team Meetings

Wednesday, March 4 and March 18
5:15 – 6:15 PM
Washington Street Education Center

Youth in grades 6-12 are welcome to attend SRSLY’s youth meetings! Meetings include pizza, games, and planning upcoming SRSLY events. The Youth Leadership Team is a great way for students to learn leadership skills and build their resume! If interested, email info@srslychelsea.org

INTERNATIONAL CLUB

Come visit the BMS International Club for fun and interactive cultural experiences! Stay tuned for our schedule of before and after school meetings. We need student ideas and participation for success in planning and promoting our upcoming after school events! Thanks to the enthusiastic efforts of student members, Our International Holiday Bake Sale was extremely successful. Our International Movie Event will be held on Friday, March 13, after school from 3:15-5:00. Come and join us as we watch an internationally themed movie. We are still voting on a movie choice. There will be a $2 admission for non-members, we will also be selling concessions!

We also look forward to fundraising and planning for future activities. Some possibilities for upcoming events include an international dance class, a cultural cooking competition, field trips, and more!

Whether you are a current member or are just interested in visiting to see what International Club is about, any 6th, 7th, or 8th-grade student is welcome at our meetings!

The Beach Brew Crew has selected the Ronald McDonald House Charity as their 2020 service project. The Ronald McDonald House provides a “home-away-from-home” for the families of seriously ill children being treated in nearby hospitals. To help support the Ronald McDonald House we will be collecting the tabs you pull to open soda, soup, or other aluminum cans. These small pop tabs might not seem like much, but they are made of high-grade aluminum and are easy to collect in large quantities. The funds from recycling the pop tabs help offset the House’s expenses. In addition to collecting pop tabs, the Brew Crew will be making fleece blankets and raising money through lollipop sales. We need your help with our pop tab collection! Please drop off your pop tabs to the Beach front office or to Mrs. Manning in room 203.
The Why You Matter Campaign that was started at Chelsea High School by teacher Laura Naar and is in its fourth year, is trickling down to younger grades in the school district.

On February 18, 6th through 8th graders at Beach Middle School participated in #WishYouKnew assemblies put on by CHS students.

The #WishYouKnew mental health campaign is a collaboration between Washtenaw County and the Chelsea School District with the goal to address concerns around youth mental health and reducing stigma.

“All Beach students had the opportunity to participate in the same “Why You Matter Campaign” that high schoolers were a part of last month,” said Beach teacher Amy Doma. “Beach welcomed CHS students who presented a speaker series about what they wish they had known when they were in middle school and gave wonderful words of wisdom for students to hear.”

At the Beach assemblies, a video of individual CHS students sharing personal statements about what they wanted people to know about them engaged the Beach students. Afterward, three CHS students spoke to the middle school students.

Junior Riley Thorburn spoke about her own perfectionism and called it an unhealthy trait, using an example from track team. Riley sprained her ankle during a big race and fell before she could get to the finish line.

“My team lost the chance to go to states, and all I could focus on was my failure,” she said, adding that it took support from her teammates for her to stop blaming herself. “These things define us and make us stronger.”

Senior Owen Fahle told Beach students, “Don’t let anyone tear you down for your passion. Life moves by fast. You’re already middle schoolers. Why waste time being something you’re not.”

Senior Madison Brodeur addressed the topic of “self care” and described herself as a bubbly, happy person on the outside, who realized this past school year that she was anxious and stressed on the inside. She decided to write to her guidance counselor at the high school about how she felt.

“It was the best decision I made in my life because I was finally able to get the help I needed,” said Madison.

“Students need to know that we care, we are here, and we love them and will support them no matter what,” said Beach Principal Nick Angel. “I am grateful for the work of the CHS team which started the Why You Matter Campaign years ago and its continuation as the #WishYouKnewMovement this year within the Chelsea Schools. Amy Doma’s leadership has helped support this worthwhile journey at our middle level.” Mrs. Doma said that after the assemblies, Language Arts teachers gave students a free writing activity in which students filled out a #WishYouKnew card. The cards will be displayed in downtown Chelsea in May, and parents are invited to fill out their own cards.
CONGRATS TO OUR BOX TOP WINNERS!

We had a huge success with our Box Tops for Education fundraiser in January. The total amount of box tops turned in by our students were 3,622. That is a profit of $362.20 to help fund the special events and speakers our students will enjoy here at Beach Middle School. The winning grade level classrooms for the pizza party are:

- 6th Grade—Mr. Brinklow
- 7th Grade—Mr. Schumann
- 8th Grade—Mrs. Henry

Congratulations to these classes and ALL our Beach students for a job well done!

Beach Middle School Math Club competes in the Math Counts competition in Ann Arbor
CHELSEA BANDS

Class of 2024 Band Members and Families

CHS Marching Band Camp
August 3-8, 2020

The Chelsea High School Bands are excited to welcome the Class of 2024 our current 8th Grade Band Members and their families!

Plans are already underway for the 2020-2021 Chelsea High School Bands. Marching Band Camp is scheduled to take place the week of August 3-8, 2020. We will meet all new members on Saturday August 1 for an orientation day, begin camp with the full Band on Aug. 3, and end the week with our annual car wash fundraiser scheduled to take place on Saturday August 9, 2020. There shouldn’t be any school conflicts with these dates, as all other fall sport seasons are scheduled to start after band camp. If anyone has questions or concerns regarding band camp please contact Mr. Catherman at rcatherman@chelsea.k12.mi.us, or by phone at 433-2201 ext. 1404.

The color guard and drum line will begin preparations later this spring, with clinics/rehearsals taking place in May and early-June. Summer rehearsals for both the percussion/drum line and color guard are tentatively scheduled for July 27-31, 2020.

All high school band members will receive detailed information as each event nears this spring, and will receive a mailing this summer with detailed information including a schedule for band camp. The 2020 Bulldog Marching Band will plan our premier performances in the Chelsea Fair Parade and our first home football game in August. Additional performance dates will be issued as soon as the calendar is finalized this next spring.

Please visit the Chelsea H.S. Bands web-page by going to www.chelsea.k12.mi.us, then selecting “Chelsea High School”, “Music”, and then Mr. Catherman’s name. This page will be updated periodically this winter and spring with rehearsal and performance dates. You can also follow the Chelsea Bands on Twitter @ChelseaHSbands.

MUSIC INFO FOR PARENTS

BEACH BAND

Upcoming Dates for BMS Bands:

MSBOA District 12 Band Festival
Thursday, February 27 - Chelsea High School
7th Grade Band performance- 8:50 am
8th Grade Band performance- 11:50 am

BMS/CHS Jazz Band Concert
Thursday, March 26,
Chelsea High School Aud—7:00 pm

Chelsea Bands Mardi Gras Fundraiser
Saturday, April 26
IMPORTANT INFO FOR CHOIR PARENTS

Dear Beach 7th & 8th Grade Choir Families,

We recently learned our performance time at the Middle School Choral Festival on Friday, March 6. Here is the schedule for the day:

12:15 p.m. Depart BMS by bus for Dexter, MI
12:30 p.m. Eat at McDonald's on Baker Rd
1:15 Arrive at Dexter HS
1:30 Check-in & watch other MS Choirs perform
3:15 Restroom break
3:30 Warm-Up
3:45 Performance
4:00 Clinic
4:15 Sight-Singing
4:45-5:00 Receive scores/comments & depart Dexter HS
5:50 Arrive at BMS

MS District Choral Festival is an invaluable learning experience for our students. In addition to sharing and experiencing choral singing among students our age from many other districts, we learn and grow from the expertise of some terrific clinicians and adjudicators. It allows us to discover what we're doing well and where there's room for growth.

Students will be excused during 4th hour. They should either wear their concert uniform to school or bring it with them and change into it prior to boarding the bus at 12:15.

Students should bring money to buy lunch at McDonald's. Heads up! We'll have plenty of time to finish and to ensure clean uniforms, no food from McD's will be allowed back on the bus.

In order to go, WE NEED 3 MORE CHAPERONES. If you are able to come with us, please let me know ASAP. It is a fun, interesting experience and I know you will be impressed with our students! Again, if you can chaperon or if you have any questions, please contact me!

Last, please be sure pick up your child at BMS promptly at 5:30 PM.

It should be a great day! Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Andrea Miller
Beach MS Choir Director
South Meadows Elementary Music
Chelsea School District
6th Annual Middle School Summer Band Camp!

This year we are off to the "Beach" again playing music from movies and the top of the charts! If you are interested in joining us again, or for the first time, for this half-day camp, the dates are August 17-21, 2020. We are staffed, again this year, with Chelsea High School Band members with large ensembles being conducted by Ms. Steklac. Summer Band is open to CURRENT 5th-7th-grade band members (aka next year’s 6th - 8th-grade band members) and held at Beach Middle School. For more information, contact Ms. Steklac at ksteklac@chelsea.k12.mi.us. Sign up will be through Chelsea Community Education in the summer session class offerings. See you at the "Beach"!

The Book Fair will be held in the Media Center Tuesday, March 10, through Friday, March 13. Open hours are 7:35 AM—3:30 PM Tuesday-Thursday, 7:30 AM-11:10 AM Friday.

It's a great time to stock up on books for spring break!

The online Book Fair will run from March 4-March 17. The online site has books not found at the fair, and also a school wish list for those interested in donating books to our Media Center.

Check out the new eWallet option - no need to send your student to school with a check, cash or credit card! eWallets can be set up anytime between February 24 and March 13 on our Book Fair website.

Congratulations to the BMS Science Olympiad team on their strong showing at the University of Michigan Division B Invitational on February 15. Out of 37 teams, BMS placed 1st in Food Science, 4th in Elastic Launched Gliders and 6th in Write It/Do It. Good luck to the team as they compete at the Holt Invitational on February 22!
Dear Parents and Families:

Did you know that reading 20 minutes a day with your child is the best investment your family can make in their future? Research shows that children who read just 20 minutes per day score in the 90th percentile on standardized tests. Come to the Book Fair to stock up on the books your child will love reading and ignite your home reading habits.

Please mark your calendars to visit our Book Fair and discover your child’s next favorite book!

Save the date!

Book Fair dates: **Tuesday, March 10**-**Friday, March 13th**

Shopping hours: **Tuesday-Thursday 7:30 AM-3:30 PM, Friday 7:30 AM-11:10 AM**

**Introducing Book Fair eWallet!** Let your child shop the Fair cash-free with our NEW digital payment option. Learn more on our Book Fair homepage and get started creating an account: [http://www.scholastic.com/bf/beachmiddleschool](http://www.scholastic.com/bf/beachmiddleschool)

If you are unable to attend the Fair in person, we invite you to visit our Online Fair at [scholastic.com/fair](http://scholastic.com/fair). Our Online Fair is available from **March 4** to **March 17**. The online site has books not found at the book fair and also a school wish list for those interested in donating books to our Media Center.

We look forward to seeing you and your family at our Book Fair! Happy reading!

Sincerely,

**Nicholas Angel**

Principal
Spring Concerts

5th & 6th Grade Orchestra Concert
Tuesday, March 24
7:00 PM
CHS Auditorium

7th & 8th Grade Jazz Band Concert
Thursday, March 26
7:00 PM
CHS Auditorium

IMPORTANT INFO FOR PARENTS

SPRING BREAK
March 30 – April 3
Have a safe and restful week!
2019-20 YEARBOOK ON SALE!

Yearbooks are on sale for $30, first come, first serve. This makes a great gift idea for your student. The yearbook is hardcover and completely in color. All sorts of activities will be included, such as sports, clubs, spirit days, and candid student pictures. Don’t be left out! Forms are available in the office or from Mrs. Wagoner or Mrs. Elkins. You can also order online from the yearbook section of the Beach Middle School homepage. Please make checks payable to Beach Middle School.

HOMEWORK HOT PAGE

Please be aware that your child’s homework is posted each afternoon on our Homework Hotpage. This can be located on our Beach webpage.

STUDENT ATTENDANCE

It is important for you to call the Beach Middle School office if your child is going to miss school. Please notify the office before 9:00 AM by calling 433-2202, the day of the absence. You can use extension 2010 if calling between the hours of 3:30 PM and 7:30 AM or email the office. If you have a new address, telephone, work phone number or emergency contacts, please call the office and let us know. Also note that most correspondence is sent through email; please make sure we have your most current email address.

MEDICATION AT SCHOOL

Please be aware that all medication must be brought to the office when the student enters the school building, including any non-prescribed medication. Non-prescribed AND prescription medication must accompany a Chelsea School District Medication Prescriber/Parent Authorization form available at the office. Prescription medication must be in the prescribed bottle OR have the physician’s signature on this form. Under no circumstances should students distribute medication to other students. This is very important for the safety of our Beach Middle School students. Thank you for your support!

SCHOOL CLOSING INFORMATION

In case of inclement weather, please call 433-2275 to check for school cancellations. School closing information will also be posted on the Chelsea District website at: www.chelsea.k12.mi.us. Evening activities are cancelled when school is cancelled.

2019-20 Daily Bell Schedule

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March 2020 School Calendar

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6.......................................................... End of Marking Period 4
6....... “Lucky Hudson and the 12th Street Gang” Drama Performance/BMS Café/7:00 PM
7....... “Lucky Hudson and the 12th Street Gang” Drama Performance/BMS Café/7:00 PM
10.......................................................... BMS Book Fair through March 13
13......................... Half day for students-dismissed at 11:21 AM/Records Day for staff in PM
17.......................................................... Authors in Chelsea/WSEC Board Rm/5:30 PM
20......................... International Club After School Movie (movie TBA)/3:00-5:30 PM/$2
24.......................................................... 5th & 6th Grade Orchestra Concert/CHS/7:00 PM
26.......................................................... 7th & 8th grades BMS/CHS Jazz Band Concert/CHS/7:00 PM
30.......................................................... SPRING BREAK/School resumes on April 6
April 10...................................................... NO SCHOOL for students/AM-PD for staff
ATTENTION 2020-2021 PARENTS OF 7TH GRADE AND NEW STUDENTS!
CONSENT FOR DISCLOSURE OF IMMUNIZATION INFORMATION
TO LOCAL AND STATE HEALTH DEPARTMENTS

Immunizations are an important part of keeping our children healthy. Schools and State and Local health department must monitor immunization levels to ensure that all communities are protected from potentially life-threatening diseases and, if necessary, respond promptly to an emerging public health threat. It is important that disease threats be minimized through the monitoring of students being immunized.

Sharing immunization and personally identifiable information including the student’s name, date of birth, gender, and address with local and state health department will help to keep your child safe from vaccine preventable diseases. The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), 20 U.S.C. – 1232g, requires written parental consent before personally identifiable information from your child’s education records is disclosed to the health department. If your child is 18 or over, he or she is an “eligible student” and must provide consent for disclosures of information from his or her education records.

You may withdraw your consent to share this information in writing at any time.

I authorize Beach Middle School to release my child’s immunization record to the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services and Local Health Department. I understand this information will be used to improve the quality and timeliness of immunization services and to help schools comply with Michigan Law. This includes and immunization information and limited personally identifiable information from the school.

Student’s Name_______________________________________ Date of Birth____________ (Please Print)

Signature of Parent/Guardian _________________________________ Date __________
Or Eligible Student

Printed Parent/Guardian Name ________________________________________________
“FERPA No Consent” Checkbox in MCIR/SIRS and Forms
Frequently Asked Questions: Information for Schools

Why is this important?
The federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) protects the release of a student’s personal data. Any student’s vaccine and/or waiver status is protected by FERPA, including entry of such data by school personnel in the Michigan Care Improvement Registry (MCIR) under the School Immunization Reporting System (SIRS). Parental consent must be obtained before a school can enter a student’s personally identifiable information (PII) and immunization data into MCIR/SIRS (i.e., vaccine and/or waiver data provided by a parent/guardian and entered by a school in MCIR/SIRS). An unchecked FERPA box in MCIR/SIRS indicates parent/guardian permission to enter PII and vaccine and/or waiver data in MCIR/SIRS for sharing with local health departments (LHDs). It is anticipated that most parents will provide permission. School data in MCIR/SIRS will not be visible in MCIR to the Health Care Provider (HCP). Vaccine data entered by HCPs are not affected by FERPA and can be viewed by schools, Local Health Departments (LHDs), and other HCPs.

Who does this apply to?
This applies to parents/guardians of children who are enrolling in a public or private school:

- Kindergarten, 7th grade, and any newly enrolled student into the school district.
- School personnel must send the form, “Consent for Disclosure of Immunization Information to Local and State Health Departments,” to these students’ homes for parent/guardian signature and then collect the signed forms.
- Parents or guardians who give permission to share a student’s immunization record will have an unchecked FERPA No Consent box. This indicates that a parent or guardian has provided consent for schools to enter PII and vaccination data into MCIR/SIRS to be shared with the State and LHDs.
- FERPA is an active consent – or opt in - process. This means schools do not need to collect a document that states the parent does not want to share PII and immunization information with the State or LHD. If a consent form is not collected, the school will need to check the “FERPA No Consent” box in MCIR/SIRS, and the immunization information will need to be shared with LHDs using the “MDHHS Immunization Reporting Form for Students with No FERPA Consent”.

For more information, refer to: www.mcir.org/school-childcare/reporting-immunization-program-status-to-the-health-department/.

Does the “Consent for Disclosure of Immunization Information to Local and State Health Departments” form need to be redone each year?
After initial submission to the school, there is no need to complete this form every year. However, this form needs to stay with the student’s file. For example, when a child moves from elementary school to middle school, the middle school will need to have that form in the student’s file.

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"FERPA No Consent" Checkbox in MCIR/SIRS and Forms

Frequently Asked Questions: Information for Schools

Does this replace the waiver document?

No, parents/guardians seeking to claim a nonmedical waiver are still required to participate in an immunization-focused discussion with LHD staff. During the discussion, parents/guardians can bring up any immunization-related questions and concerns they may have. The staff will present evidence-based information regarding the risks of vaccine-preventable diseases and the benefits/potential risks (risks consisting mostly of moderate side effects) of vaccination. This rule preserves the ability to obtain a nonmedical waiver following the completion of the required educational session.

What if school personnel fail to receive from a parent/guardian the signed consent form?

When a parent/guardian does not give permission for the school to share PIi and immunization data in MCIR/SIRS, the MCIR/SIRS “FERPA No Consent” checkbox should be utilized. Immunization information, including waiver data, will be reported using aggregate numbers on the “MDHHS Immunization Reporting Form for Students with no FERPA Consent” to the local health department.

The school MCIR/SIRS user will take the following steps:

1. Log into MCIR/SIRS
2. Search for student
3. On student information page, click Edit Information hyperlink (screenshot 1)
4. Edit school information for the student by checking the new “FERPA No Consent” checkbox
5. Save the change by clicking the Submit button

The “FERPA No Consent” checkbox with a checkmark should now be visible.

In Summary:

Consent = an unchecked/blank FERPA checkbox

No consent = a checked FERPA checkbox, do not share data with MDHHS/LHD

Where can I find more information?

For more information, please visit www.mcir.org/school-childcare/.

February 19, 2019