



August 11, 2012

Dear Parents:

New child health screening legislation took effect in the 2008-09 school year. This new legislation requires incoming freshman to have dental screenings.

The new law strengthens prior legislation regarding dental screening requirements. Parents must show that students entering the 9th grade have received a screening for dental disease. This rule applies to 9th grade only at the high school level. Screenings will be accepted that have been done within the previous year of enrollment, and can only be performed by dentists or dental hygienists.

No student will be prevented from attending school without proof of dental screening. If families have difficulty meeting the requirements, IDPH and local public health will provide assistance to students and schools to ensure that the necessary dental screenings are obtained. Please contact your health provider to check your student's records and make appointments for check-ups if necessary.

Enclosed with this letter is a sheet with frequently asked questions, and the dental screening form. This form must be completed by a dentist or hygienist and returned to the office at Bishop Garrigan High School. Please return the screening form by October 12.

If you have any questions, please contact me at the high school, or go online at http://www.idph.state.ia.us/hpcdp/oral_health.asp.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lynn Miller".

Lynn Miller
Principal

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