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WESELPA and member school districts

Dear Superintendent,

Per the California Department of Public Health, "The new pertussis booster shot school law requires students entering or advancing into the 7th through 12th grades in the 2011-2012 school year to either have received a pertussis booster vaccine or **have an authorized exemption to immunization.** More information is available at <http://www.shotsforschool.org/>."

Therefore, we at Educate.Advocate. are asking each of you to display the following on your own district websites, which comes from Chaffey Joint Union High School District's website, <http://cjuhsd-ca.schoolloop.com>

"PERSONAL BELIEFS EXEMPTION:

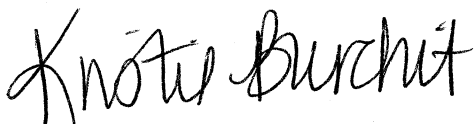
If immunization is against your religious or personal beliefs, you will be asked to sign an affidavit. Please visit the health office at your child's school of attendance to request a Personal Beliefs Exemption form CDPH 8261."

It is the honest thing to do.

In addition, we ask that when your staff discusses the vaccine with families and presents it as mandatory, they should also make it clear families are permitted to submit a Personal Beliefs Exemption form. Again, it is the honest thing to do. If we want students to show such integrity in their own work, the same is needed from those who teach them.

We thank you for your time. Should you have questions for us, do not hesitate to contact Educate.Advocate at 909 961 4115 or through our website, <http://educateadvocateca.com>

Sincerely,



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