

**Spring, 2008**

**Dear Parents –**

Effective July 1, 2005, the Illinois State Board of Education is requiring all children in kindergarten, second and sixth grades including all public, private or parochial schools to have an oral health examination.

The following are guidelines issues by the ISBE:

- Examinations must be performed by a licensed dentist and he/she shall sign the proof of examination form.
- Each child shall present proof of examination by a dentist prior to May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009 deadline.
- School dental examinations must have been completed within 18 months of the May 15, 2009 deadline.
- Each school must give notice of the dental examination requirement to the parents or guardians of the children at least 60 days prior to May 15<sup>th</sup> of each school year.
- The Proof of Dental Examination and the Waiver forms will be uniform for statewide use. The authorized forms are available on the IDPH and the ISBE websites. Other organizations or agencies may link to these websites to access the forms.
- If a child in second or sixth grade fails to present proof by May 15, 2009, the school may hold the child's report card until:
  - Child presents proof of dental examination form OR
  - Child presents a dental examination waiver form OR
    - Child is enrolled in the free and reduced lunch program and is not covered by private or public dental insurance (Medicaid/KidCare).
    - Child is enrolled in the free and reduced lunch program and is ineligible for public insurance (Medicaid/KidCare).
    - Child is enrolled in Medicaid/KidCare, but we are unable to find a dentist or dental clinic in our community that is able to see my child and will accept Medicaid/KidCare.
    - Child does not have any type of dental insurance, and there are no low-cost dental clinics in our community that will see my child.
  - Child presents an exemption based on religious grounds (follow ISBE Administrative Rules) OR
  - Child presents proof that dental examination will take place within 60 days after May 15, 2009.
    - Child must present proof of a completed examination prior to school the subsequent year.

If you have any questions, please contact your local school.

*Pontiac District #429 Administration*