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Dear College Elementary,

As you may know, a new law (AB 2109) effective this year changes the personal belief exemption (PBE) process in California. This new law requires that parents seeking a PBE must first meet with a health care provider or credentialed school nurse to discuss the risks of choosing to not vaccinate their child. This form must be signed by the health care provider and presented to the school before a PBE can be accepted from the parent.

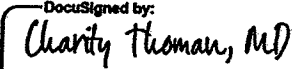
Santa Barbara County Public Health will be embarking on an educational campaign about the new law, including how PBE rates affect our community. This campaign will include interactive PBE rate maps which will make it easy for parents and the community to check immunization rates at most kindergartens and child care facilities in our county. School year 2013-2014 PBE rate maps are posted on our website, www.sbcphd.org/iz and will be updated annually. I want to give you notice that College Elementary appears on this map and displays your schools PBE rate of 4%.

We at Public Health would like to offer assistance in helping you protect students, staff, and the community from vaccine-preventable diseases by increasing your immunization rates where possible.

To start, here is a link to vaccine information resources to share with parents and staff: <http://eziz.org/resources/parented/>. I also strongly encourage people to visit ShotByShot.org where they will find videos and stories by people who have been affected by vaccine preventable diseases.

Please feel free to contact the Santa Barbara County Public Health Immunization Program at (805) 346-8420 if we can assist you with educational resources for parents, questions about AB 2109, or any other matter.

Thank you for the service you provide to our community.

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