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Dear Parent or Guardian:

A child's oral health is very important to their overall health and ability to learn. Beginning January 1, 2007 a new California law passed by state lawmakers requires that your child have an oral health assessment (dental check-up) by May 31. This law is for children in kindergarten or first grade, whichever is his or her first year in public school. A dental check-up that has happened within the 12 months before your child enters school also meets this requirement. Please take the attached Oral Health Assessment form to your child's dental office and have it completed by the dentist or dental health professional. Please return the completed form by May 31, 2017

If you don't have medical or dental insurance for your child and would like assistance getting insurance, call the toll-free Helpline of the LAUSD Children's Health Access and Medi-Cal Program (CHAMP) at 1- 866-742-2273. If you need information on services and referrals, you can also call the county information line at 211.

For free and low-cost health services you can call the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services at 1-800-427-8700 or the Los Angeles Dental Society at 213-380-7669.

If you cannot take your child for this required assessment, please indicate the reason for this in Section 3 of the form. You can get more copies of the form at your child's school. All schools will maintain the privacy of students' health information.

Healthy teeth help children eat properly, talk, smile, and feel good about themselves. Even baby teeth are very important. You can help your child by doing the following:

- Take your child to the dentist twice a year for a check-up.
- Brush teeth at least twice a day with toothpaste that contains fluoride.
- Choose healthy foods for the entire family. Fresh foods are usually the healthiest foods.
- Limit candy and sweet drinks, such as punch or soda, which cause cavities and can lead to weight problems.

If you have questions about the oral health assessment requirement, please contact our school nurse at 818-784-1762.

Sincerely,

Marcia Koff
Principal



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