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Dear Parents and/or Guardians:

The Winnebago County Health Department will be offering FREE FLU VACCINE (shots only) at your child's school on October 30, 2018. Flu vaccine is recommended every year by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Students in grades 3K-12 will be able to receive the flu shot during the school day without a parent being present. If you are worried about your child's cooperation, staff and volunteers will be present to help calm, assure, and keep children still for their safety. If you do not want any physical assistance please check the appropriate box on the consent form. If you prefer, a parent or other adult may be present to be with your child during the vaccine process.

If you would like your child to receive a flu vaccine, please fill out the consent form on the <u>Skyward Online Parent Portal Link</u>. You may also fill out a paper copy of the consent, which you can get at and return to the school office. Vaccine Information Sheets are available in the school office or at <u>www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/vis/vis-statements/flu.pdf</u>. Children less than 9 years of age, who have not received at least two doses of flu vaccine in the past, should receive two doses of vaccine this year. Your consent gives permission for both doses, if needed. Health professionals will return to your child's school at least 4 weeks later if a second dose is needed.

If your student is absent from school on October 30, they can receive the flu shot free of charge on November 27; the day in which the 2nd dose will be administered for those necessary.

Children are a vulnerable population for contracting the influenza virus. Getting the yearly influenza vaccine is one of the best ways to protect your child (CDC, 2018 <u>https://www.cdc.gov/flu/news/flu-death-children.htm</u>). For more information please call the Winnebago County Health Department at (920) 232-3000, or check our website <u>www.winnebagopublichealth.org</u> for school vaccine dates and forms.

Sincerely,

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