

OGDENSBURG CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
OGDENSBURG, NEW YORK

SUBJECT: New York State Department of Health Immunization Audit

DATE: June 3, 2019

REASON FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION:

The Board of Education must be informed and review all New York State Department of Health Audits conducted in the Ogdensburg City School District.

FACTS AND ANALYSIS:

On May 21, 2019 the New York State Department of Health, Bureau of Immunization conducted an audit of immunization records at Ogdensburg Free Academy to determine compliance with Public Health Law (PHL) Section 2164. This law requires students to be adequately immunized against diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, meningitis, polio, measles, mumps, rubella, hepatitis B and varicella. The results of this audit are described in the attached letter from the New York State Department of Health Public Health representative.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

No action necessary – Board of Education Review and Discussion only.

APPROVED FOR PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD:



Superintendent

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Attachment



Department of Health

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Executive Deputy Commissioner

May 24, 2019

Cynthia Tuttle, Principal
Ogdensburg Free Academy
1101 State Street
Ogdensburg, NY 13669

Dear Principal Tuttle:

On May 21, 2019, the New York State Department of Health, Bureau of Immunization conducted an audit of immunization records at Ogdensburg Free Academy to determine compliance with Public Health Law (PHL) Section 2164. This law requires students to be adequately immunized against diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, meningitis, polio, measles, mumps, rubella, hepatitis B, and varicella.

The immunization records of 346 7th, 8th and 9th grade students were reviewed and 2 were found to be out of compliance with PHL Section 2164.

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A current list of susceptible students is maintained to easily identify students who would be required to be excluded from campus in the event of a disease outbreak.

Please submit a written response by June 21, 2019 that details: (1) the actions to be taken to bring the students cited, and any others who may be non-compliant, into compliance with PHL Section 2164. Students who fail to provide proof of immunity must be excluded per PHL Section 2164.

Each student who is permitted to attend school in violation of the requirements of Section 2164(7)(a) constitutes the basis for a separate violation of PHL for which a civil penalty (of up to \$2,000 per violation) may be imposed. A student is in compliance with the immunization requirements when he or she meets the criteria set forth in PHL Section 2164.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 315-477-8109. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Laurie Ellsworth". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Laurie A. Ellsworth
Public Health Representative IV
New York State Department of Health

Cc: Kevin Kendall, Superintendent
Kristen Ashley, School Nurse



Farrell, Alane <afarrell@ogdensburgk12.org>

Fwd: School Audit Exit letter

1 message

Kendall, Kevin <kkendall@ogdensburgk12.org>
To: Alane Farrell <afarrell@ogdensburgk12.org>

Wed, May 29, 2019 at 10:59 AM

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From: **Ashley, Kristin** <kashley@ogdensburgk12.org>

Date: Tue, May 28, 2019 at 9:41 PM

Subject: Fwd: School Audit Exit letter

To: Kevin Kendall <kkendall@ogdensburgk12.org>, Cindy Tuttle <ctuttle@ogdensburgk12.org>, Price, David <dprice@ogdensburgk12.org>, Tony Bjork <tjbork@ogdensburgk12.org>

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From: **Ellsworth, Laurie A (HEALTH)** <laurie.ellsworth@health.ny.gov>

Date: Friday, May 24, 2019

Subject: School Audit Exit letter

To: "Ashley, Kristin" <kashley@ogdensburgk12.org>

Hi Kristen

Attached is the follow up letter from our audit. You can email back a response with documentation that the two students were brought into compliance. Or feel free to fax it to the number in my signature section below.

Thanks again for having everything so nicely organized.

I will send hard copies of the letter to your principal and superintendent.

Again, everything was in great shape, especially for a school that size. You are doing a wonderful job.

Don't hesitate to contact me with any questions in the future.

Thank you!

Laurie Ellsworth

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