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**Oki Parents and Guardians,**

As part of our ongoing commitment to the health and safety of our students, we are writing to inform you about the ongoing measles outbreaks in various regions of Canada, including Alberta. Measles is a highly contagious viral infection that can spread easily, especially in school settings.

Currently, there have been confirmed measles cases in several parts of the province. While there have been no reported cases in our school community, we want to ensure that we are fully prepared to respond quickly should any potential exposure occur at our school.

**What You Need to Know:**

- Measles can spread very quickly in schools, particularly among those who are unvaccinated or partially vaccinated.
- The virus can remain infectious in the air for up to two hours after an infected person has left an area.
- If an exposure to measles were to occur at the school, anyone present in the building on that day would be considered a potential contact.
- For more information text "measles" to 88111.

**What We Are Doing:**

In accordance with legislation, the Siksika Board of Education (SBE) is working with Siksika Health Services to engage or support families with information regarding vaccinations, exposure and prevention.

**How You Can Help:**

- If you are uncertain of your child's vaccination records, please call Alberta Healthlink at 811 or Siksika Health at 403-734-5600.
  - Update your personal contact information if this has changed since completing your child's SBE registration.
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**Privacy Considerations:**

We are committed to ensuring that any personal information shared with Siksika Health is handled with the utmost care and in accordance with all applicable privacy laws. The information provided will only be used for the purpose of safeguarding the health of our students and staff in the event of a measles exposure and in accordance with appropriate legislation.

We greatly appreciate your cooperation and support in helping us maintain a healthy and safe environment for all students.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

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