BLOOMINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT #271 HEALTH SERVICES

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Dear Home School Parents:

We want to make you aware of the health services available to home schools through Bloomington Public Schools. There are three categories that form an umbrella of services.

HEALTH SCREENING: We offer the same screening to you that is done for children in the public schools. Vision and hearing screening can be done in your neighborhood school when the health service associate has the equipment set up for students in that building. Blood pressure screening and scoliosis screening are also available by appointment if, for example, your student is being monitored for changes or the family has a particular concern. You may call the nearest public school to schedule screening.

IMMUNIZATION SURVEILLANCE AND REFERRAL: You are asked to provide each child's complete immunization history to:

Elizabeth Holman, Home School Program Secretary, at Educational Services Center, 1350 W. 106th St. Bloomington, MN 55431, by October 1, of the school year.

Immunization records are reviewed and recorded in our home school database. If you need a referral to a local health care provider, we can help you access services in our community.

Please see "Are Your Kids Ready for School" for immunization information

Note: The state of Minnesota requires Bloomington Public Schools (BPS) to monitor your home-schooled children's immunization records. BPS is mandated by the state to provide immunization status to the Minnesota Dept. of Health. In order to fulfill this requirement, BPS requests that you indicate receiving health service when filling out the yellow state form from the Minnesota Department of Children, Families & Learning. Thank you.

CONSULTATION: If you have questions about community health issues or about connecting with community resources, please call. We will strive to support the health goals of your family.

Sincerely,

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