

**SPINAL SCREENING PROGRAM
PARENT NOTIFICATION**

Dear Parent/Guardian:

The school nurse will be screening 7th grade girls and 8th grade boys for possible curvature of the spine (scoliosis) in the next few weeks. Scoliosis is a term that means lateral curvature of the spine. It is most commonly found in the preadolescent years and progresses during the period of rapid growth. Its cause is unknown. If a spinal curvature is detected early and appropriately treated, progressive spine deformity can be prevented.

Since it will be necessary to have students partially undress to accomplish the screening, privacy will be maintained. They can wear gym clothes, bathing suits, or other clothing that can be easily removed.

If a spinal problem is suspected, you will be notified.

If your child is currently under treatment for a spinal problem, please let the school nurse know.

Please sign below **only if you do NOT want** your child screened.

Child's Name

School

Grade

Room Number

I **do not want** to have my daughter/son participate in the scoliosis screening program.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date