

## SCOLIOSIS SCREENING NOTICE

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Scoliosis is a lateral curve of the spine most commonly detected during the adolescent growth period. It is estimated that between 5-10% of school age children have such curvatures to varying degrees. Approximately 2% of these curves are significant. Family history increases the likelihood of incidence by 20%. The long term effect of scoliosis depends on severity of curve, early detection, and prompt treatment.

New Jersey law requires school districts to provide scoliosis screenings every two years for students between the ages of 10 and 18 yrs. Screenings will be conducted in 5<sup>th</sup> on. Students who have submitted a physical form from their private healthcare provider for the 2010 school year will not be checked since scoliosis screening is part of a routine physical exam. All other students will be screened unless indicated below by parent/guardian.

\_\_\_\_\_ NO- I do not want my child screened for scoliosis at this time.

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name PLEASE PRINT \_\_\_\_\_

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to call me at 973-729-2723.

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