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**Superintendent's
Office**

Dear School Administrator/Principal,

This communication will serve to update you that the Measles Outbreak in Rockland County is ongoing and to remind you of the MMR vaccination requirements for your students.

As of January 17, 2019, there are 116 confirmed cases of measles in Rockland County. We have added 20 new cases since earlier *this month*. Most have been confined to the geographic region which includes Monsey, New Square and Spring Valley. Over 14,000 MMR vaccinations have been administered in Rockland to date. School exclusions to protect vulnerable individuals in the above regions have been implemented and community outreach has been expanded.

As I have been stating for the past 16 weeks since the outbreak began, I consider every individual in Rockland to potentially be exposed to the measles. As a result, I strongly recommend that you take this opportunity to review your School Surveys to determine those students in your school who are either unimmunized or under-immunized and to strongly recommend that those in Kindergarten through Grade 12 receive *two (2)* MMR vaccinations. This will not only protect your students against measles, but mumps and rubella as well.

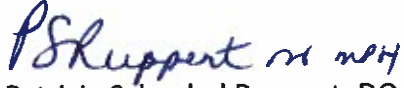
For the schools which were previously excluded and are now unexcluded, the following message in bold pertains directly to you:

This is a reminder that all students from Kindergarten through Grade 12 are required to receive two (2) MMR vaccinations. Those who have received their first MMR must get a second dose at least 28 days after the first dose since the measles outbreak continues at this time. Failure to complete the MMR series will result in further school exclusions. If a confirmed case of

measles is identified in one of these schools, all students who have received only one (1) dose of MMR will be excluded.

Thank you for your cooperation as we continue to work to end the Measles Outbreak in Rockland County.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "PSchnabel Ruppert MD MPH".

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