

**Charles F. Patton Middle School
760 Unionville Road
Kennett Square, PA 19348**

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Pennsylvania School Health Law requires that a screening for scoliosis be performed on all children in grades 6 and 7. The purpose of the screening is to detect for signs of spinal curvature at its earliest stages so that the need for treatment can be determined. Examinations performed by private healthcare providers as part of the 6th grade physical exam, or the 7th grade sports exam, will not be repeated.

The screening will take place during physical education classes in February. The school nurse will check your child's back by observation while your child is standing and bending forward. To adequately view the spine, it will be requested that students expose their backs. Girls may feel more comfortable wearing a bathing suit top, or sport bra under their gym shirt, and boys should wear a shirt that can be easily removed. A referral form will be mailed to you if there is any reason to have your child examined by your pediatrician or orthopedic physician.

If you would like to have your child excluded from this screening program, please inform the school nurse in writing by February 1st. Also, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 610-347-2000 ext. 3806.

Sincerely,

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