

Dear *Brooks Families*,

We are pleased to inform you that the Brooks Health and Wellness Center participates in the Massachusetts Immunization Information System (MIIS). The MIIS is the new statewide, electronic record-keeping system (or registry) that keeps track of your child's immunizations (shots). This new system will help us keep complete and accurate records of the shots that your child receives from any doctor or healthcare provider in Massachusetts. It was developed by the Immunization Program at the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. *We began to use the MIIS during the 2016-2017 school year.*

The MIIS will allow us to keep all of your important immunization information together in one place for you and all of your healthcare providers that are in MA.

Immunization registries like the MIIS help healthcare providers make sure that everyone is up-to-date on their immunizations to keep us all healthy and prevent the spread of harmful disease. The system has been created according to state law, which requires that healthcare providers who give immunizations report them to the MIIS. All information in the MIIS is kept confidential. You may choose to limit the providers who may see your or your child's shot records in the MIIS. However, if you do choose to limit who can view your child's shot history, we may be unable to give you a complete and accurate record of your child's shots. This means you must continue to keep track of this information on your own.

Please contact the Brooks School Health and Wellness Center if you have any questions at 978 725 6206 or health@brooksschool.org . You may also visit the MIIS website at www.mass.gov/dph/miis, or contact the Massachusetts Immunization Program directly at 617-983-6800.

Please note if you would like to opt out of this system, you must contact the Brooks School Health and Wellness Center and we will work with you to complete the appropriate opt out paperwork.

Best,

The Brooks School Health and Wellness Center