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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

According to the guidelines established by the Florida Legislature and School Board Policy 2410-School Health Services Program, scoliosis screenings are to be performed for all students in grade six.

Miami-Dade County Public Schools, will be conducting a Scoliosis Screening Program to find children with curvature of the spine (scoliosis). It is estimated that 10-15 children in every 100 may develop scoliosis, and 1% or less will require treatment. If this condition is detected early, severe spine deformity can be prevented.

The procedure for screening is simple and discreet. The team of screeners looks at the students' backs (boys and girls are separated) by lifting the shirt as the students stand erect while pressing their palms flat against each other. The students are instructed to slowly bend forward stopping when the shoulders are level with the hips. M-DCPS recommends that girls wear a one piece bathing suit or bathing suit top under their shirts on the day of the screening. **Parents should discuss these procedures with their child before the screening day. If you do not want your child to participate in this screening, please send a note to the school before the day of the screening (see below).**

If there is any suspicion of a curvature, the students will then be re-screened by the team of screeners. If your child has a possible curvature, you will be notified and asked to take your child to your family physician for an examination.

Screening Information

School: Key Biscayne K-8 Center

Date: Friday, October 23, 2015

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Sincerely,

Silvia P. Tarafa
Principal