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Dear Mr. Hewett

Requiring a booster shot for the meningococcal conjugate vaccine prevents the harmful effects of meningitis. One in 10 people infected with meningococcal disease will die, while one in five survivors will suffer long-term disability, such as loss of limbs, brain damage, deafness and nervous system problems.

Please continue to support the health and safety of Idaho families by following the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices of the CDC in requiring a booster shot of the meningococcal conjugate vaccine for 12th grade entry.

Sincerely,