

The state of Illinois recently revised the *Certificate of Child Health Examination* form IL444-4737 (N-11-02) which is used for the health examinations required for entrance to school. Health care providers will start using this new state form beginning with the 2003-2004 school year. Illinois law requires that all pupils must have a current physical examination and proof of immunization before entering preschool, kindergarten, fifth, and ninth grades. If the pupil didn't attend kindergarten, this physical examination and proof of immunization must be obtained before entering the first grade. Students new to the Canton school system must also provide a current physical examination and proof of immunization. Parents are encouraged to begin the process of getting physicals in preparation for 2003-04 school registration as soon as possible. If the examination is going to be used as a **sports physical**, parents should make the appointment after June 1, as the sports physical is only good for one year. The new form should be available at all area doctors' offices, but District No. 66 parents/guardians are urged to check to make sure the updated form is, in fact, the one completed by their health care provider.

After the form is completed, parents should proof the form to be sure it has been filled in properly and completely. Parents need to complete the student information on both sides of the form. In addition, parents are responsible for completing and signing the Health History portion on the back of the form. There is a place on the front of the form for the signature of the Health Care Provider verifying the immunization history and on the back of the form there is a place for the signature of the physician performing the examination. **Incomplete forms will not be accepted by the Canton schools.**

The new *Certificate of Child Health Examination* form (PDF file) can be viewed at the following websites:

www.dhs.state.il.us/chp/ofh/School Health/

www.idph.state.il.us (under "topics a-z" section c)

If parents/guardians have any questions or concerns related to the revised health examination form, they are urged to contact District No. 66 Nurse Lee Trotter Carew at 647-3400, extension 1012.