



STATE OF NEW YORK DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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Commissioner

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Executive Deputy Commissioner

September 19, 2011

Joseph P. Dragone, Superintendent
Ballston SPA CSD
70 Malta Avenue
Ballston Spa, NY 12020

Dear Superintendent Dragone:

The Wood Road Elementary School has been selected by the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) Bureau of Dental Health to participate in the NYS Oral Health Physical Activity and Nutrition Surveillance Project. This project is a survey of 3rd graders that collects data on the rates of tooth decay and childhood oral health treatment needs. We have contracted with licensed dental professionals to conduct the oral health screenings at six schools in each chosen county over a three year period (two schools per year). The NYSDOH will analyze and evaluate the data and ultimately assist state and federal agencies with program development to address the oral health needs of children.

The New York State Oral Health Technical Assistance Center (TAC) and the Bureau of Dental Health request your permission to contact the principal and nurse of Wood Road Elementary School to schedule screening dates that are convenient for your staff and 3rd grade participants. If we don't hear from you in the next two weeks, we will move forward with contacting the school's nurse and principal.

Parents of 3rd grade children will be required to give written consent for their child to take part in the screening. As a token of our appreciation for their participation, the children will receive a Crayola Timer Light Toothbrush.

NYSDOH will generate reports on their findings by county and provide the information to its partners, including your County Health Department. This report details where each county ranks in relation to the New York State Prevention Agenda.

For your convenience we have enclosed the:

- Survey booklet which will be distributed to all families with 3rd grade children at Wood Road Elementary
 - Forms are available in English and Spanish
- *First Oral Health Status of Third Grade Children* Report from 2002-2005
- <_____> County Surveillance Report from 2002-2005
- Oral Health Survey Fact Sheet

Feel free to contact us with any questions you have regarding this project. Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Sincerely,

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