**Sample Letter from School:**

**Notice to Parents and Guardians of 6th Grade Students with a Personal Belief Exemption**

[School Letterhead]

[DATE]

Dear Parent or Guardian:

Under a new California law, vaccines required for school may no longer be excused due to personal beliefs. Personal belief exemptions that have already been filed for students in grades K through 6th grade remain valid until the student reaches 7th grade.

Our records show that your child has a personal belief exemption from one or more school-required vaccines. In order for your child to start 7th grade, you will need to bring documentation by [DATE] that your child has received the following vaccines:

* 1 dose of varicella (chickenpox) vaccine
* 2 doses of measles, mumps, and rubella vaccine (MMR) given on or after the first birthday
* 3 doses of diphtheria, tetanus, and pertussis vaccine (DTaP), including 1 dose of Tdap at 7 years of age or older
* 4 doses of polio vaccine (3 doses OK if the last dose was given on or after the second birthday)

These vaccines needed for school entry are also doctor-recommended vaccines. Please contact your child’s doctor right away about these vaccines. Students entering 7th grade who do not meet the immunization requirements will not be able to attend school.

Please feel free to call us with any questions. Our phone number is [XXX-XXX-XXXX].

Thank you for helping us keep your child, our school, and our community safe and healthy.

Sincerely,

[School Principal] [School Nurse]