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Dear Parents,

Thank you for everything you have done to keep Skaneateles Central School District students and staff, as well as the community, safe and healthy.

As you may have heard in the news, President Joe Biden on Tuesday announced a new phase in his push to vaccinate Americans against COVID-19 that includes a focus on children as young as 12.

Although no vaccine is currently authorized in the United States for people under 16, the Food and Drug Administration is expected to approve Pfizer's request to amend its emergency use authorization to include adolescents ages 12 to 15 as early as next week.

In anticipation of this amendment, we are asking parents of students 12 years old and over to complete the <u>student vaccination survey</u>. This will aid in determining the level of interest in the district and the potential of coordinating with the county health departments for vaccine clinics in the community

We understand you may have questions about the vaccine. More information on the Pfizer vaccine can be accessed <u>here</u>.

COVID-19 vaccines are an important tool to help stop the pandemic. Even after vaccination, everyone should continue to follow all the <u>current guidance</u> to protect themselves and others, including wearing a mask, staying at least 6 feet away from others, avoiding crowds, and cleaning hands often.

We want you to feel confident and well-informed in your decision to have your children vaccinated. Thank you again for all you are doing to see our community through this challenge.

Stronger together,

Eric Knuth Superintendent of Schools