Department of Health

Health Protection Branch

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**School:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*\*\*\*NOTICE TO PARENTS\*\*\*\*\***

Dear Parent(s),

Public Health would like to advise you that there has been a case of ***pertussis (whooping cough)*** at the school where your child attends. For more information please see the Fact Sheet on Pertussis found at:

<http://www2.gnb.ca/content/dam/gnb/Departments/h-s/pdf/en/CDC/FactSheets/Pertussisfactsheet.pdf>

If you or your child develops symptoms like those described in the fact sheet, please see your family physician and inform him/her that you or your child may have come in contact with whooping cough. Whooping cough is spread by coughing or contact with saliva and may cause severe disease in infants.

If your physician suspects that you or your child has whooping cough, appropriate **testing** should be done to confirm the diagnosis. A positive result will allow Public Health to do further follow up to protect others who may be at risk for this disease.

Please ensure that immunizations are up to date in all of your family members.

If you have any questions, please contact Public Health at 658-5188.

Sincerely,

C. Scott Giffin, MD, MPH

Medical Officer of Health

South Region