

**CHICO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**1163 E. 7<sup>th</sup> St., Chico, CA 95928**

**SPINAL SCREENING PROGRAM PARENT NOTIFICATION**

Dear Parent/Guardian:

The school nurse will be screening students for possible curvature of the spine (scoliosis) within the next few weeks. State law requires that school districts in California provide scoliosis screening for seventh grade girls and eighth grade boys. Scoliosis is a term that means lateral curvature of the spine. It is most commonly found in the preadolescent years and progresses during the period of rapid growth. Its cause is unknown. If a spinal curvature is detected early and appropriately treated, progressive spine deformity can be prevented.

Since it will be necessary to have students partially undress to accomplish the screening, privacy will be maintained. They can wear gym clothes, bathing suits, or other clothing that can be removed easily.

If a spinal problem is suspected, the student will be rechecked at a second screening. If the rescreening indicates need for further medical evaluation, you will be notified.

If your child is currently under treatment for a spinal problem, please let the school nurse know.

**Please send a note to the health office only if you do not want your child screened.**