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Dear Parent or Guardian:

This letter is to remind you that scoliosis screening is required for all students in the 6th and 8th grades who attend public school in Georgia.

Scoliosis is a sideways curve of the spine. About 3% of children are affected by scoliosis. It can occur at any age but is often noticeable between the ages of 9 and 16, when growth occurs rapidly. Early detection is important to avoid potentially serious problems later in life if a spinal curve is not recognized, treated, and it continues to progress. The screening test is an observation of the child's back when standing and bending forward.

There are options for how the screening can be completed:

- Submit a completed Form #4400, Certificate of Scoliosis screening, Form #4400

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