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Dear <Name>

The secondary school vaccine needs a boost. As you know, the Victorian secondary school vaccine program (delivered to year seven students) relies on students returning consent cards. They can't receive vaccines without them. Our records show that [insert name of school] consent card return rate is lower than the state average.

To help you, we have:

- **Improved the card to make it clearer for parents**
- **Enclosed the new cards and fact sheets in translation**, we recommend that you insert the new card in your school enrolment pack direct to parents and caregivers
- **Another (smaller) batch of cards is ready to send out to you early next year**, giving students without a completed card the opportunity to take another card home and return it before the first school visit

We hope you find these changes helpful in ensuring your school continues to sustain a strong and healthy community. Alternatively, if your school has another preferred method of card distribution, then please do what's best for your school.

Along with government and local councils, your school plays an important role in the delivery of the Secondary School Vaccine Program. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely

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