Scoliosis Screening for all 6th and 8th Grade Students – February 11, 2016

The Fulton County School System will conduct the annual mandated Scoliosis Screening Program at Haynes Bridge on Thursday, February 11th, to identify children with suspected curvature of the spine. According to available information, it is known that two to three children out of every 100 may have Scoliosis. If this condition is detected early and appropriately treated, progressive spine deformity can usually be prevented.

The procedure for screening is a simple test in which the screener (nurse or trained volunteer) looks at the child’s back in the standing position and in several bending positions. The screening is not embarrassing. Boys and girls will be screened separately. Students should wear clothing that allows them to remove their top easily. Girls should wear a sport bra, bra or bathing suit top underneath their clothing on the day of the screening. Boys will be screened with their shirt off.

If your child has a suspected curvature, you will be notified in writing advising you of the findings and recommendations regarding follow-up. You will be advised to take your child to your doctor or healthcare provider for further evaluation. The school will mail letters directly to parents.

On February 2nd your child will bring home a parent letter with additional information about scoliosis. Complete and return the form to the Front Office by **Monday, February 8th**, only if you **DO NOT** wish to have your child participate in the screening. Any additional questions, please contact our Clinic Aide, Mr. Alan Handle, at handle@fultonschools.org.