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**Statement about *Let's Fight Flu Together!*
Public Health Influenza Vaccination Initiative**

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Around this time every year, Families Fighting Flu sounds the alarm to bring attention to the importance of vaccinating children against influenza. As we enter this year's flu season, we want to remind families and communities that vaccination is the single best way to help prevent the number of childhood illnesses and deaths that can be caused by influenza.

We are proud to be a partner of *Let's Fight Flu Together!*, a national public health initiative sponsored by Novartis Vaccines, Parent Teacher Association and Flu Busters, that brings vaccination clinics to students and their families, teachers and community members at participating PTA schools and community sites across the United States.

We applaud this effort that supports the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's broader influenza vaccination recommendations, which include approximately 30 million additional children aged five through 18 years old. We encourage all families to visit a local clinic and get vaccinated. A comprehensive list of participating sites offering influenza vaccination clinics can be found at www.PTA.org/flushotclinics.