

# ATTENTION PARENTS:

**For students entering 6<sup>th</sup> / 7<sup>th</sup> / 10<sup>th</sup> / 11<sup>th</sup> grade in the fall 2008-09 school year:**

- **A one time Tdap booster is required for all 6<sup>th</sup> / 10<sup>th</sup> graders**
  - ❖ The student would risk exclusion in 7<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> grade if they did not receive the scheduled booster in 6<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> grade
  - ❖ This is different than the DTaP vaccinations they received as infants and pre-kindergarten
  - ❖ The “p” (pertussis) has been added to the standard Td booster in order to protect teens against whooping cough
  - ❖ Your student will be considered “in Process” if they have received a Td booster in the past 2 years. When the 2 years has passed, the requirement will be enforced.
  
- **Prior to the first day of school, a copy of the immunization record from the doctor’s office must be provided to the school.**
  - ❖ If they have already received the booster, you may give this record to their current school before school is out.
  - ❖ State law in Colorado does allow parents to sign the back of an immunization card if they choose to take a personal or religious exemption for not receiving the booster. This must be on file at the school.
  - ❖ Medical Exemptions must have a physician signature on the back of the immunization record and be on file at the school as well.