

\*\*\*\*\* **IMPORTANT INFORMATION – PLEASE READ** \*\*\*\*\*

Dear Parents,

This letter is to inform you of important changes in the mandated immunization requirements affecting **all incoming 7<sup>th</sup> grade students**.

New vaccination laws now require all 7<sup>th</sup> grade students to have the following vaccines:

- One (1) dose of **Tdap** – a vaccine which protects against whooping cough
- One (1) dose of **Meningococcal** – a vaccine which protects against bacterial meningitis. A second dose of this vaccine will be required at 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

As with other school immunization requirements, students who do not provide documentation of these immunizations are subject to exclusion from school.

**Parents must provide the school with the documentation by the first day of the school year.**

Please contact your child's health care provider to make the necessary appointment to obtain these vaccines. If your child has received these vaccines, please submit the documentation to the school as soon as possible.

If your child does not have a doctor or if you are unable to obtain an appointment with your provider, the Licking County Health Department offers ongoing vaccination clinics with a variety of hours and locations. Please visit their website [www.lickingcohealth.org](http://www.lickingcohealth.org) or call at 740-349-6535 for more information regarding these clinics. You can also obtain these vaccines at local store-based clinics.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school with any questions or concerns.