

**NOTICE OF HIV/AIDS PREVENTION EDUCATION PROGRAM MEETING AND
WHAT IT TAKES TO EXCUSE YOUR CHILD OR LEGAL WARD**

Dear Parent/Legal Guardian of **Seventh Grade** Students,

In response to the growing threat of HIV to our population, the 1988 Washington State Legislature mandated that a program of prevention education be presented to students yearly beginning with the fifth grade. The Tahoma School District has adopted an appropriate program for HIV prevention education with the advice of educators, parents, and community members.

A meeting will be held on **Thursday, February 16, 2012** from **6:30-7:30 p.m.**, at **Cedar River Middle School for both TMS and CRMS parents** for an opportunity to preview the HIV/AIDS prevention education program. **The 7th grade parents will meet in the library.** All student instructional materials will be available for your inspection. This will also enable you and your child to have some meaningful family discussions, both before and after the classroom presentation.

Following a preview of the materials, parents who wish to have their child excused from participation in the HIV prevention program may sign a release form. **State law provides that a parent or guardian must attend such a meeting before they can have their child or legal ward excused from participation in the HIV prevention program.**

We look forward to seeing you and discussing this important topic with you. If you have any questions prior to attending this meeting, please call Michelle Zaleski, Health Coordinator, at 425.413.3500.

Sincerely,



Michael K. Maryanski
Superintendent