



October 2011

Dear Parents/Guardians,

It is with great enthusiasm that we write to invite you to the upcoming 9th grade student and parent discussion night on **Thursday, November 10, from 6:30-8:30pm**, in the cafeteria at Minnie Howard. This will be a good opportunity to get to know other students and parents.

Labeled Community of Concern's "Conversations That Count," the evening will be one of dialogue and education relating to underage drinking prevention. The program will include a presentation about the science of the effects of alcohol on the adolescent brain. After the presentation, there will be guided conversations at the tables. Parents and students will be at each table; families are asked to sit separately.

Attendance and participation by both students and parents is essential to the success of this event. The Minnie Howard administrative staff and the Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition of Alexandria (SAPCA) urge each family to send your son or daughter and one parent to the meeting. We believe that this is an important opportunity to learn about a topic that can profoundly affect your teen's life. It may be the most important evening you spend with your child this year.

Dinner will be served at 6:30pm and the program will start at 7:00pm. Students will receive extra credit.

Delaying first use of alcohol has proven positive results for the safety, health, and academic success of teens. We look forward to seeing you on November 10. If you have questions about the evening, please feel free to contact Noraine Buttar at 703-746-3670 or noraine.buttar@alexandriava.gov. Please cut off and return the portion below to respond.

Sincerely,

Suzanne Maxey	Tammy Ignacio	Priscilla Goodwin
TC Principal	Minnie Howard Executive Associate Principal	TC PTSA President

✂✂ ✂ Cut-Off Portion.....

Yes, we will attend: (Due to space limitations, only one adult per child can be accommodated)

Parent Name _____ Phone Number(s) _____
 E-mail _____
 Student(s) Names(s) _____ Cell Phone # _____
 E-mail _____
 Address _____

Do you need transportation? Yes No (please circle one)
 If you need an interpreter, please list the language you speak: _____
 Will you need babysitting for siblings? _____ Number of children and ages _____

Please have your child return this form to their teacher; email your reservation to Noraine at noraine.buttar@alexandriava.gov; or drop off this form at the main office.