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To: Parents of Secondary Students

The Board of Education requires written notification to parents regarding classes in which human reproductive organs, functions, and processes are described, illustrated or discussed [(BP6142.1(a))]. This may occur in units on reproduction and communicable disease involving HIV/AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases.

The California Healthy Youth Act requires that students in grades 7-12 receive comprehensive sexual health education and HIV prevention education at least once in middle school and once in high school. The Education Code defines comprehensive sexual health education as “education regarding human development and sexuality, including education on pregnancy, contraception, and sexually transmitted infections” (EC § 51931(b)) and HIV prevention education as “instruction on the nature of human immunodeficiency virus (HVI) and AIDS, methods of transmission, strategies to reduce the risk of HIV infection, and social and public health issues related to HIV and AIDS” (EC § 51931(d)).

Instruction must encourage students to communicate with parents, guardians or other trusted adults on the topics covered within the curriculum. Instruction must be medically accurate, age-appropriate and inclusive of all students. Trained health and science teachers will provide this instruction. It must include the following:

- Information about HIV and other sexually transmitted infections (STIs), including transmission, FDA approved methods to prevent HIV and STIs treatment.
- Information that abstinence is the only certain way to prevent unintended pregnancy and HIV and other STIs, and information about value of delaying sexual activity
- Discussion about social views of HIV and AIDS
- Information about accessing resources for sexual and reproductive health care
- Information about pregnancy, including FDA approved prevention methods, pregnancy outcomes, prenatal care, and the newborn safe surrender law
- Information about sexual orientation and gender, including the harm of negative gender stereotypes
- Information about health relationships and avoiding unhealthy behaviors and situations

If you have any questions or wish to preview the instructional materials, please contact the principal at your student’s school site. You may request a copy of the California Healthy Youth Act (California Education Code Sections 51930-51939) by contacting the principal.

State law allows you to remove your student from comprehensive sexual health or HIV prevention education. The law does not permit parents to remove their children from anti-harassment programs or other instruction that discusses gender, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, discrimination, harassment, bullying, intimidation, and relationships. If you do not want your student to participate in this portion of the instruction, please give written request to your student’s principal.

I request that my student **NOT** participate in this portion of the class in which comprehensive sexual health or HIV prevention education curriculum topics are discussed.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Name of Child: _____ Grade: _____ Student ID#: _____