August 1st, 2015

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Enclosed is an outline of our school's Abstinence-only education curriculum. The overall goal of the course is to promote the health and well being of our students, and to help them make wise and informed decisions during their teen-age years and beyond.

Sex-related education is part of the health education curriculum, which includes topics such as puberty; dating; relationships and communication skills; pregnancy; contraceptives; prevention of HIV/AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases; and prevention of sexual abuse. The instructional materials we use for the course include a curriculum package and a video, listed on the enclosed outline. If you would like to review these materials at the school, you are welcome to do so. Please call me to arrange a convenient time.

During the course, students will be able to ask questions, which will be answered factually and in an age appropriate manner. Each student's privacy will be respected, and no one will be asked to reveal personal information.

Under Mississippi law HB 999, you may exempt your child from any portion of the curriculum that primarily involves human sexual education or human sexuality issues. No student who is exempted from this portion of the curriculum will be penalized. We will provide an alternative assignment to students who are exempted.

We look forward to working with you to ensure that your child has a positive and educationally enriching experience this school year. If you have any questions about sex –related education or any other matter concerning your child's education, please contact the school's office.

Sincerely,

Insert Principal Name Here

Enclosure: [course outline which includes titles and topics of sex-related education materials]

Parent Permission to Allow Student to Participate

_____ My child may participate in the instruction outlined in this correspondence.

_____ My child may not participate in the instruction outlined in this correspondence.

Student Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____