



HENDRICK HUDSON SCHOOL DISTRICT

Blue Mountain Middle School

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Dear Parent or Guardian:

As part of our on-going efforts to meet the developmental needs of our youngsters, your child will attend health class for one quarter this year. As required by the State, one of our curriculum components is designed to produce an understanding of AIDS. We have been using the recommended and approved proposal of the Hendrick Hudson Community Advisory Council; this follows the curriculum recommended by the New York State Education Department to meet the mandate for the instruction of AIDS in all school districts.

Our curriculum stresses abstinence as the best alternative for preventing the transmission of H.I.V. It also includes discussion of the use of condoms. If you do not want your child to attend this particular class, you have this option; however, we must advise you that you are responsible for educating your son/daughter in this area if you exercise this option.

To facilitate our planning for instruction, please indicate on the tear-off sheet your choice (yes or no) for your child's participation in the instruction offered.

Please send the tear-off with your child to his/her health teacher by the end of the week.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Sincerely,

John S. Owens
Principal

RETURN TO MR. ISEMAN, HEALTH TEACHER

_____ Yes, I would like my child to participate in class.

_____ No, I would appreciate alternative arrangements to be made for my child during this lesson. I understand I am responsible for instructing my child in the prevention of AIDS.

Parent's Signature: _____

Child's Name: _____

Date: _____

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