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Dear Parent/Guardian:

Your son/daughter is enrolled in a class that includes Family Life Education Curriculum. This letter is notification that a unit in comprehensive sexual health education, including STI/HIV/AIDS prevention education, is going to be taught in the class. The topics that will be covered include:

- Decision-making
- Reproductive anatomy and physiology
- Conception, pregnancy and childbirth
- Contraception
- Sexually transmitted infections (STI), including HIV/AIDS prevention
- Pregnancy options
- Gender
- Sexual Harassment
- Affirmative Consent
- Relationship Violence
- Human Trafficking

California state law requires that HIV/AIDS prevention education is taught in middle school and in high school. If comprehensive sexual health education is taught, the District shall follow state laws (California Education Code Section 51933). The District may not pick and choose topics to teach.

HIV/AIDS prevention instruction includes:

- Information on HIV/AIDS and how it affects the body.
- How HIV is and is not spread.
- Discussion of ways to lower the risk of HIV, including sexual abstinence and the latest medical information on ways to prevent sexually transmitted HIV infection.
- Discussion of the public health issues related to HIV/AIDS.
- Places for HIV testing and medical care.
- Making good decisions and staying away from risky activities.
- Discussion about society's views on HIV/AIDS and people with HIV/AIDS.

Your child's science teacher, who has completed the training required by the Elk Grove Unified School District, will teach the comprehensive sexual health education unit. Your child's teacher would be happy to discuss with you and/or show you the materials that will be used in class. If you wish to arrange a meeting with the teacher, please contact the school secretary at **916-686-7728**.

If you would like to receive a copy of Chapter 5.6 of the California Education Code, titled California Healthy Youth Act, please call the district office at (916) 686-7797, extension 67225 to request a copy be mailed to you.

State law allows you to remove your student from comprehensive sexual health education or HIV/AIDS prevention education. If you *do not want your student to participate* in the comprehensive sexual health or HIV/AIDS prevention instructional program, **please provide a note** to your student's Health teacher **Catherine Nierva, Christie Fuso, Stacey Cook** by **April 2, 2018**. An alternative educational activity will be made available to pupils whose parents or guardians have requested that they not receive the instruction.

The goal of a comprehensive sexual health education program is to help students learn the facts, communicate with their parents, and to make good decisions now and later in life.

Sincerely,



Zachary Cheney, Principal

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