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Dear Seventh Grade Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

In the upcoming weeks, we will be teaching the Reproductive Health/Human Sexuality and HIV/AIDS components of our Health Education curriculum. The concepts for these lessons are:

1. Describe the functions and processes of the male and female reproductive systems.
2. Describe fetal development and birth
3. Understand that abstinence is 100% effective in the prevention of sexually transmitted infections and pregnancy, and is the best, safest, and healthiest choice.
4. Understand there are risks and negative consequences associated with the use of condoms and birth control pills.
5. Understand that abstinence protects and promotes physical, social and emotional health.
6. Describe ways to reduce or eliminate the risks associated with sexual harassment and dating violence.
7. Understand the importance of respect and responsibility for one's self and others.
8. Analyze how heredity, environment, and personal health are related.

Classroom presentations will include approved materials, a discussion of concepts and a question and answer segment to address the students' questions. The boys and girls will be separated for the growth and development (puberty) lessons (concept #1 above). Additionally, students will participate in a three day presentation by the SHARE organization promoting positive choices and the benefits of remaining abstinent. Please feel free to contact your child's health teacher if you have any questions.

We may utilize the following audio-visual materials in our classroom study:

What is Puberty?
Girls and Puberty / Boys and Puberty
New Emotions, New Feelings
Human Reproduction and Childbirth

You may have reviewed these materials at the district preview session. However, if you were unable to attend, copies of each video is available at the Rochester Hills Public Library and may be checked out on a limited basis. I hope you take the opportunity to review the materials. In order to facilitate discussion at home and reinforce your family values, we think it is important for you to understand the concepts being taught at school and discuss them with your child both before and after classroom instruction.

By law, parents have the right to observe reproductive health instruction in their child's classroom. They may also excuse their child, without penalty, from participation in classes containing reproductive health, HIV/AIDS, and/or other serious communicable disease information. Please send written notice to your child's health teacher, if you wish to:

- Make an appointment to observe instruction in your child's classroom,
- Excuse your child from reproductive health instruction, this year only,
- Excuse your child from reproductive health instruction until the principal of the school is notified by you.

In conclusion, I encourage you to become familiar with the concepts that will be taught so that you can reinforce at home what is being taught at school.

Sincerely,

Debi Fragomeni
Deputy Superintendent of Teaching and Learning

Please return this portion to your child's teacher. By signing I acknowledge the receipt of the Health Education letter and understand the contents.

CHILD'S NAME: _____ DATE: _____

PARENT(S)/GUARDIAN(S) SIGNATURE: _____

BUILDING: _____ TEACHER: _____