

PARENT NOTIFICATION OF THE CRITICAL HEALTH EDUCATION PROGRAM
AND THE PROGRAM ON REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING

The Board of Education has adopted a comprehensive Health Education Program which includes education on human sexuality and venereal and other noncasual-contact communicable diseases such as AIDS. It is designed to provide an appropriate means for students to acquire the knowledge, skills, and attitudes necessary to maintain good health. The program also includes instruction in abstinence from sex as a responsible method for preventing unwanted pregnancy and sexually-transmitted diseases and as a positive lifestyle for unmarried young people.

In compliance with State law and with its desire to maintain effective communication with parents and the community, the Board has made arrangements for the programs and instructional materials to be available for review by any parent or interested member of the community. If you wish to review any or all of the programs, please contact the principal of your child's school. After reviewing the programs, if you wish to discuss them, please contact the principal or the school office.

Your child is required to participate in these courses, but the law allows you the right to have your child excused from participating in classes which include instruction in sex education, reproductive health, family planning, and AIDS education. The Board's policy is to honor parents' written requests that their child be excused from certain classes in any course. We encourage you to personally review the program lessons and materials and return the bottom portion of this letter to your child's school principal so appropriate alternative activities can be provided during the times of those classes.

Sincerely,

Superintendent

Please excuse my child from the classes in which the following subject(s) are presented or discussed.

Parent or Guardian

Date