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Mr. Joel Peterson
Principal

Dear Parent,

The Georgia State Board of Education has mandated that all school systems include human sexuality education in grades K-12 as part of a comprehensive health education plan. The Board also mandates HIV/AIDS education.

The Fulton County Schools will offer human sexuality education and AIDS education units in the required health courses taught in grades 6, 7, and 8. Our school system believes that all students should have access to factually accurate and appropriate information about these topics. Students who are armed with the facts are better able to make good health decisions. We also believe that abstinence from sexual activity is best for school-aged children. All instruction in this unit is prefaced by this belief.

There are specific required objectives that are covered in these units at each grade level. The objectives for 6th grade cover physical and emotional changes during puberty and the functions of the reproductive system including the menstrual cycle for the females. 7th and 8th grade objectives cover decision making skills, relationships, consequences of sexual activity, sexually-transmitted diseases, how they are transmitted and their prevention including HIV/AIDS, recognizing and prevention of sexual abuse, child-birth, parenting, and teenage pregnancy. Boys and girls in grades 6, 7 & 8 will be separated by gender during this instruction. All class instruction also includes addressing student's individual questions. Teachers will only answer questions that are factually based; they will not discuss issues related to personal values or opinion.

Materials that are used in class are available for viewing at our school. Please contact the health teacher to arrange a time if you wish to view these materials.

By state law, it is your right to remove your child from the sex education portion of his/her health class. If you choose to exempt your child, an alternate assignment will be given at no penalty to his/her grade

Sincerely,

Mr. Joel Petreson
Principal

_____ I **approve** of my child's participation in the human sexuality portion of his/her education course

_____ I prefer that my child **be exempt** from the human sexuality portion of his/her education course

(PARENT SIGNATURE)

(STUDENT SIGNATURE)
