



REVISED LETTER

March 2, 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians of SLMS 7th graders:

California state law, the California Healthy Youth Act, requires that comprehensive sexual health education and HIV prevention education be provided to students at least once in middle school or junior high school and once in high school, starting in grade 7.

Instruction must encourage students to communicate with parents, guardians or other trusted adults about human sexuality. Instruction must be medically accurate, age-appropriate and inclusive of all students. It must include the following:

- Information about HIV and other sexually transmitted infections (STIs), including transmission, effects on the human body, FDA approved methods to prevent HIV and STIs, and treatment.
- Information that abstinence is the only certain way to prevent unintended pregnancy and HIV and other STIs, and information about value of delaying sexual activity.
- Discussion about social views of HIV and AIDS including addressing unfounded stereotypes and myths.
- Information about accessing resources for sexual and reproductive health care.
- Information about pregnancy, including FDA approved prevention methods, pregnancy outcomes, prenatal care, and the newborn safe surrender law.
- Information about sexual orientation and gender, including the harm of negative gender stereotypes.
- Information about healthy relationships and avoiding unhealthy behaviors and situations including sexual harassment, sexual assault, adolescent relationship abuse, intimate partner violence, and sex trafficking.

The Family Life Education program at all IUSD middle schools is presented in a coed setting. It is our belief that the students, under the expert guidance of highly qualified teachers, will utilize decision-making and effective communication skills to grow in maturity, knowledge and responsible behavior during this unit of instruction. All materials used in this course of study have been approved by the Board of Education and IUSD's Health Advisory Committee.

Parents may review the textbooks, audiovisual aids and the instructional materials used in these units during our **Family Life Presentation on Wednesday, March 15, 2017 at 6:45 p.m.** in Room #304 (Mrs. Ahnn's Science classroom) at South Lake Middle School. Also at this time, our 7th grade science teachers will be on hand to provide an overview of the program and answer any questions you might have. After reviewing this material, if you decide that you **DO NOT** want your son/daughter to participate in this portion of the class, please complete the back portion of this letter and return to your child's science teacher by **Tuesday, April 11, 2017.**

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If you have any questions feel free to contact your child's science teacher or the Asst. Principal:

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Ms. Nancy Chambers: 949-936-6732

Mrs. Beth Devoid: 949-936-6731

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Sincerely,

Belinda Averill, Principal

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Complete and return to your child's science teacher *no later than Tuesday, April 11, 2017, ONLY* if your teen will **NOT** be participating in the Family Life Education Unit.

_____ may **NOT** participate.

Student's Name

Parent's Name

Date

Please state your reason for exclusion on the line below. Thank you.

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