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Dear Parent(s) and/or Guardians,

Your son/daughter is currently enrolled in Health at Skyline High School. Our upcoming unit deals with Human Sexuality & Relationships. In this unit we will be discussing various topics including the following: dating and relationships, reproductive anatomy, sexually transmitted infections, contraceptives, AIDS/HIV, abstinence, and sexual assault. These topics are very important to our students, particularly at this age. Please be assured that the importance of abstinence is continually stressed throughout the entire unit. Students' questions are answered in a comfortable group situation with their peers under the supervision of the teacher.

You may have previewed some of the materials used in class at some point. If not, you're welcome to contact the district and/or me and preview them prior to the start of the unit. You also have the option of going to King County's FLASH webpage (<http://www.kingcounty.gov/healthservices/health/personal/famplan/educators/FLASH.aspx>) to review much of the curriculum used.

We have scheduled a speaker from Wallace-Wright Associates and a health educator from Eastgate King County Public Health during our sexual health unit. These health educators will be discussing abstinence, anatomy and physiology, contraception, and consequences of sexual behavior. These speakers continuously emphasize the value of abstinence in relationships, particularly during these emotional teen years.

We encourage you to communicate your cultural or religious beliefs and your personal feelings about sexual health issues with your students. Research shows that young people delay or use protection if their families expressed support for that, especially if parents/guardians talk openly and comfortably about it.

If you prefer your student **not** be present during the guest speakers or any particular component of this unit, please indicate on the form below and return it to school with your child. The students will be sent to the library with an alternative assignment for each day they miss class.

Sincerely,

Megan Swartz

Please sign this portion and return **only** if parent(s)/guardian(s) would like to have their student removed from class during specific lessons or the entire sexual health unit.

I prefer that _____ not listen to/participate in

(Speaker name/topic/unit) _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____