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Parents of 5th Grade Students:

At this time each year, 5th grade students participate in a Growth and Development talk presented by teachers. Topics include personal hygiene and changes related to puberty only. Reproduction, HIV/AIDS, sexual orientation, and sexually transmitted diseases are not a part of the 5th grade Growth and Development talk.

The hour-long presentation consists of the viewing of a DVD, followed by a time for questions and answers. Students are given the opportunity to anonymously write out questions. Teachers will not answer any question with cultural or moral implications, but rather will explain that families have unique value systems and students should ask their parents/guardians those questions.

Parents are invited to preview the DVDs used in all presentations on **March 9, 2012 between 1:00 p.m. and 3 p.m at the District Office.** District Office staff will be available to assist parents at that time and no appointment is necessary.

5th grade growth and development talks are presented to girls and boys, separately, during the school day, and are presented on an opt-out basis. If you **DO NOT** want your 5th grader to attend the talk, please sign, detach, and return the form below to your child's teacher.

I DO NOT give permission for my 5th grade child, _____, to participate in the growth and development talk scheduled at my child's school.

Teacher's Name: _____

Print Parent Name

Parent Signature