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March 7, 2016.

Dear Parent/Guardian:

This letter is to inform you that your child will begin a unit on Human Development and Sexual Health starting the week of March 29th.

The following expectations of the Ontario Curriculum will be covered in the Grade 8 program.

By the end of Grade 8, students will:

- **Identify and explain factors that can affect an individual's decisions about sexual activity;**
- **Demonstrate an understanding of aspects of sexual health and safety, including contraception and condom use for pregnancy and STI protection, the concept of consent, and matters they need to consider and the skills they need to use in order to make safe and healthy decisions about sexual activity;**
- **Analyze the attractions and benefits associated with being in a relationship, as well as the benefits, risks, and drawbacks, for themselves and others, of relationships involving different degrees of sexual intimacy.**

The following resources will be used to assist in the delivery of this unit:

- OPHEA resource document

As the Ontario Curriculum indicates, "Parents are the primary educators of their children with respect to learning about values, appropriate behaviour, and ethnocultural, spiritual, and personal beliefs and traditions, and they are their children's first role models. It is therefore important for schools and parents to work together to ensure that home and school provide a mutually supportive framework for young people's education" (page 13). This unit offers you, as the most significant influence of your child's values and behaviours, the chance to discuss the classroom lessons and consider them in light of your own family beliefs.

Parents are invited to review the resources for this unit in the attached Parent Resource Guide. Tuesday, March 22nd, these resources will be available to look at in the gym between 3:30-4:00pm, and Health teachers will be available to answer any questions or concerns regarding this upcoming unit.

Sincerely,

Principal's Signature

Teacher's name and signature

Please PRINT, complete and return this tear-off slip to your son/daughter's classroom teacher by Friday, March 11th.

Name of Child: _____

I have received the letter and am aware that my child will be participating in Human Development and Sexual Health lessons during April and May.

Parent Signature

Date

- ☐ YES I will be attending the information session on March 22nd
- ☐ NO I will not be attending the information session
- ☐ I am unable to attend the information session. I would like the opportunity to review the materials. I will contact the school to make arrangements.

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