The Hazel Park School District has approved a program of instruction for seventh and eighth grade students in reproductive health, human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection and acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS) prevention education. This includes the *Sex Can Wait* curriculum by ETR Associates. We recognize that the primary source for education in human sexuality issues is the home. With this in mind, both the seventh and eighth grade curriculum are designed to give parents the opportunity to interact with their son or daughter through the use of assigned homework.

The program is designed for several instructional sessions during the school year and will be presented by their Health Education instructor. Content of the Human Reproductive Health and HIV/AIDS program for sixth grade will include the following: self-esteem, self-concept, adolescence, puberty, anatomy, reproduction, values, decision making, respect, responsibility, goal setting, building healthy relationships, sexual harassment, personal body safety, identifying trouble situations, refusal skills, HIV/AIDS prevention, sexually transmitted disease, abstinence, contraceptives including risk factors, cybersafety and cell phone safety. Additional content required by the State of Michigan will include: the benefits of abstaining from sex until marriage and the benefits of ceasing sex if a pupil is sexually active; the emotional, economic, and legal consequences of sex; stress that unplanned pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases are serious possibilities of sexual intercourse that are not fully preventable except by abstinence; advise pupils of the laws pertaining to their responsibility as parents to children born in and out of wedlock; teach pupils how to say "no" to sexual advances and that it is wrong to take advantage of, harass, or exploit another person sexually; teach refusal skills and encourage pupils to resist pressure to engage in risky behavior; teach that the pupil has the power to control personal behavior, and teach pupils to base their actions on reasoning, self-discipline, a sense of responsibility, self-control, and ethical considerations, such as respect for self and others; provide instruction on healthy dating relationships and on how to set limits and recognize a dangerous environment; provide information for pupils about how young parents can learn more about adoption services and about the provisions of the Safe Delivery of Newborn Law; and information clearly informing pupils of the law regarding sexual contact with an individual under the age of 16.

All topics and materials have been recommended by the Human Reproductive Health Education Advisory Board and approved by the Board of Education. The Advisory Board is made up of Hazel Park School District parents, students, clergy, educators, and interested citizens. If you as a parent or guardian are interested in being a part of the Advisory Board, please contact Mrs. Beverly Blair at Webster Elementary (248) 658-5529.

According to the state law in areas related to Human Reproductive Health and HIV/AIDS Prevention Education, you as a parent or guardian have the right to:

1) **Be informed of the content of instruction:** (included above)

2) **View the materials to be used:** Please contact your child's Health Education instructor to arrange a time to review the materials.

3) **Observe the instruction in your child's classroom:** Arrangements for observing in the classroom need to be made in advance with the classroom teacher.

4) **"Opt" or excuse your child out of the instruction:** If you choose to have your child "Opted Out" of the instruction, without penalty, please check with your child's teacher for the appropriate form or contact Mrs. Beverly Blair at the phone number listed above. It is important to note that if you have "Opted" your child out of Human Reproductive Health, HIV/AIDS Prevention Education in the past, they will remain "Opted Out" until you notify the school that you would like them "Opted In."

Sincerely,

Amy Kruppe, Ed. D. 
Superintendent of Schools

Mrs. Beverly Blair 
Human Reproductive Health Coordinator