Hazel Park School District

Educational Opportunities for All

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Dear Parent,

The Hazel Park Board of Education has established a program of instruction in reproductive health, human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection and acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS) prevention education. The instruction will be presented to students during health class at the High School. All topics and materials have been reviewed and approved by the Human Reproductive Health Education Advisory Board. If you are interested in being apart of the Advisory Board, please contact Mrs. Bev Blair at (248) 658-5529.

We recognize that the primary source for education in human sexuality issues is the home. With this in mind, the Human Reproductive Health Education Advisory Board has approved a series for High School entitled "Sex Can Wait." It is an abstinence based curriculum designed to give parents the opportunity to interact with their child through the use of handouts and assigned homework.

Content of the Human Reproductive Health and HIV/AIDS program will include the following: Anatomy, reproduction, maturation, pregnancy, birth, genetics, birth defects, prenatal care, sexually transmitted diseases, HIV/AIDS, abstinence, contraception, issues related to personal body safety, including date rape, dating violence and sexual harassment, self-esteem, refusal skills, responsibility, decision making, and goal setting.

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; include information clearly informing pupils that having sex or sexual contact with an individual under the age of 16 is a crime punishable by imprisonment and that one of the other results of being convicted of this crime may include being listed on the sex offender registry on the internet for up to 25 years.

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) Preview the materials to be used in your child's class. If you wish to preview the materials please contact Mrs. Bev Blair (248) 658-5529. We look forward to helping you become familiar with the material that will be presented to your son or daughter.

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

3) "Opt" or excuse your child out of the instruction related to Human Reproductive Health and HIV/AIDS Prevention Education. 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. Bev 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,

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