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Dear Stonegate Parent/Guardian:

California state law requires that HIV/AIDS prevention education is taught at least once in the middle grades and once in high school (Education Code 51934). The Washington Unified School District has adopted state-approved curriculum, and has decided to provide this instruction for  $7_{th}$  grade and  $9_{th}$  grade students.

For required HIV/AIDS prevention education, the following topics must be included:
☐ Information on HIV/AIDS and how it affects the body.
☐ How HIV is and is not spread.
☐ Discussion of ways to lower the risk of HIV, including:
☐ Sexual abstinence, and the latest medical information on ways to prevent sexually transmitted HIV infection.
☐ Discussion of the public health issues related to HIV/AIDS.
☐ Places for HIV testing and medical care.
☐ Making good decisions and staying away from risky activities.
☐ Discussion about society's views on HIV/AIDS, and people with HIV/AIDS.

Your child's school will provide HIV/AIDS prevention education for all 7th graders in their Science class for a 7 day block between the weeks of April 7-15, 2015. State law allows you to remove your student from comprehensive sexual health education or HIV/AIDS prevention education. If you *do not want your student to participate* in the comprehensive sexual health or HIV/AIDS prevention instructional program, please give a note to your student's Science teacher.

We would like to invite you to an information night for parents on Thursday, March 5th at 5:15 on the Bridgeway Island campus, room 29. The information will include an overview of the curriculum, and provide an opportunity for parents to ask questions regarding this required instruction. The curriculum materials are available for you to review in the Educational Services Department at the Washington Unified School District Office, 930 Westacre Road, West Sacramento, 95691 by appointment. If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact us at the District Office, (916) 375-7604 x1301 or Megan Morrison or Sarah Caves at 375-0960.

Thank you.
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