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Dear Parent(s):

Since 1979 the School Board has mandated the instruction of Human Growth and Development (HGD) for grades 5,6,7,8, and 10. On June 29, 1990, the Florida Legislature passed House Bill 1739, which includes instruction in human sexuality for kindergarten through grade twelve. The State has mandated curriculum development to reduce such destructive behavior of children as early sexual involvement, activities resulting in sexually transmitted diseases/AIDS, and early teenage pregnancy. The Miami-Dade County Public Schools is addressing these issues.

Your child will be receiving instruction on the following topics, in Human Growth and Development:

- Self-Esteem/Emotional Needs
- Values
- Endocrine Glands/Puberty
- Male and Female Reproductive Systems
- Sexual Abstinence/Postponing Sexual Involvement
- Family Planning in Marriage
- Menstruation, Ovulation, Fertilization, Pregnancy, Birth
- Sexually Transmitted Diseases/AIDS Education
- Child Abuse/Sexual Abuse Prevention

It is recognized that the basic responsibility for the teaching of human growth and development belongs in the home, while the church, school, and other community agencies have supplementary roles in strengthening the efforts of parents.

As parents, you are encouraged to review the program content and instructional materials, and to speak to the teacher if additional information is desired. If you wish to have your child removed from segments of the program, you should address a letter to the school principal. An appropriate alternative educational assignment will be given.

You are also encouraged to become involved in the discussion of the topics that promote family values and beliefs.

Sincerely,

Ms. Erica Cheva

7th Grade Science Teacher



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20 de agosto de 2014

Queridos padres:

Desde 1979, la Junta Escolar del Condado de Dade ha exigido la enseñanza del curso titulado "Desarrollo y crecimiento del cuerpo humano" en los grados 5,6,7,8, y 10. El 29 de junio de 1990, la legislatura de la Florida aprobó la ley numero 1739, por la cual se incluye la enseñanza de sexualidad humana desde el kindergarten hasta el decimosegundo grado. Su niño/niña recibirá instrucción en este programa cuyo objetivo es reducir los comportamientos destructivos tales como las actividades sexuales que puedan resultar en la contracción de enfermedades venereas/SIDA o embarazos prematuros de adolescentes. Los temas que se incluirán serán los siguientes:

- Auto estima/necesidades sentimentales
- Los valores del ser humano
- El sistema endocringolo
- El sistema reproductivo en el ser humano
- Abstinencia sexual
- Menstruacion/Ovulacion/Fertilizacion/Embarazo/Nacimiento
- Prevencion de enfermedades transmitidas a traves del acto sexual
- Educacion sobre el SIDA
- Prevencion de abuso sexual

Reconocemos que la responsabilidad principal de la educación sexual debe ser de los padres con la ayuda de la iglesia, la escuela y otras agencias comunitarias que complementen esta enseñanza.

Les urgimos que como padres, revisen los materiales y el contenido del programa y que hablen con el maestro(a) si desea más información. Si usted desea quitar a su hijo/a de este programa, por favor, envíe una carta al director de la escuela y su hijo/a recibirá otra alternativa. Por favor, sientase libre de revisar el curso y los materiales.

Atentamente,

Ms. Erica Cheva

La profesora de ciencia de septimo grado