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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:

- The Endocrine System
- Physical and Emotional Changes During Puberty in Boys and Girls
- Health Care of the Body
- Reproduction
- Sexually Transmitted Disease Prevention/AIDS Education

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,

5th Grade Teachers