October 20th, 2014

Dear Parent(s) and/or Guardians,

Your son/daughter is currently enrolled in Health at Liberty High School. Our upcoming unit deals with Human Sexuality & Relationships. In this unit we will be discussing various topics including the following: dating and relationships, reproductive anatomy, sexually transmitted infections, contraceptives, AIDS/HIV, abstinence, and sexual assault. These topics are very important to our students, particularly at this age. Please be assured that the importance of abstinence is continually stressed throughout the entire unit. Students’ questions are answered in a comfortable group situation with their peers under the supervision of the teacher.

We have scheduled a speaker from King County Public Health Center on October 30th & 31st. This health educator will be discussing abstinence, anatomy and physiology, contraception, and consequences of sexual behavior. This speaker continuously emphasizes the value of abstinence in relationships, particularly during these emotional teen years. On March 24th-28th, Becky Reitzes, the health educator from Eastgate King County Public Health will speak on gender identity and sexual health.

If you prefer that your student not be present during the guest speakers or any particular component of this unit, please indicate on the form below and return it to school with your child. Please return this form by Friday, March 21st, 2014. The students will be sent to the library with an alternative assignment for each day they miss class.

We encourage you to communicate your cultural or religious beliefs and your personal feelings about sexual health issues with your students. Research shows that young people delay or use protection if their families expressed support for that, especially if parents/guardians talk openly and comfortably about it.

Sincerely,

Donna Abbey
Morten Orren

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I prefer that ________________________________________ not listen to (Speaker name/topic/unit) ________________________________________

Parent Signature ___________________________________ Date ____________________