



Loomis Union School District

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Paul Johnson, Superintendent

April 21, 2011

Dear 7th and 8th grade Parents,

This letter is to inform you of the health curriculum in the Loomis Union School District. State health content standards can be found at www.cde.ca.gov/ci/he/he. Education Codes 51930-51939 can be found at <http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/>. This curriculum will be taught May 16 – 27, 2011.

The **7th grade** students will cover human reproduction which is available in the 7th grade science book under Chapter 13. The students will also view a Discovery Channel DVD entitled ***From Conception to Birth***. The 7th grade science teacher will teach this subject.

The **8th grade** students will learn about Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STDs) and HIV using district approved curriculum ***Positive Prevention*** (developed by the American Red Cross). This 6 lesson format will inform students on basic terms, impact, myths and stereotypes, and compassion and concern for persons with HIV. Students will learn how HIV and STDs are transmitted, symptoms, and testing. Students will learn that abstinence from sex and drugs is the only 100% safe method of preventing HIV, methods to reduce the risk, and success and failure rate of condoms. Social pressures, communication skills to refuse risky behaviors, and community recourses will be discussed. Students will also view a DVD ***Sex Still Has a Price Tag***. The 8th grade science teacher will teach this subject.

If you wish to view any of the DVDs or ***Positive Prevention***, please contact the district office, or Mary Zaun, Curriculum Coordinator @ mzaun@loomis-usd.k12.ca.us, or Sheree Palma RN MSN, District Lead Nurse @ spalma@loomis-usd.k12.ca.us.

Parents have the option of having their child opt out of this instruction. If you wish to have your child NOT participate, fill out the form below and return it to the child's science teacher.

Sincerely,

Mary Zaun
Curriculum Coordinator

Sheree Palma
District Lead Nurse

Loomis Union School District – Health Education Program
*Fill out this form ONLY if you do **not** want your child to participate.*

____ I **do not** want my child to participate in the health education program in the Loomis Union School District.

Student's name: _____ Grade: _____ School: _____

Parent's signature: _____ Date: _____

*If you wish to opt out of the Health Education Program this form must be returned to your child's science teacher by **May 12, 2011**.*