



# Miami-Dade County Public Schools

*giving our students the world*

Principal  
Ms. Wandarece Ruan

Superintendent of Schools

September 8, 2009

6<sup>th</sup> Grade

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

Since 1979 the School Board has mandated Instruction in 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 destructive behavior in children, including early sexual involvement, and activities resulting in sexually transmitted diseases/AIDS, and early teenage pregnancy.

Included in the instruction will be:

- The Cell and Heredity
- The Endocrine System
- Physical and Emotional Changes During Puberty in Boys and Girls
- Health Care of the Body
- Reproduction
- Sexual Abstinence
- Building a Positive Self-Image and Wholesome Self-Concept
- Sexually Transmitted Disease Prevention/AIDS Education
- Decisions on Personal Safety
- The Family Unit

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 children 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 topics that promote family values and beliefs.

Sincerely,

Wandarece Ruan  
Principal

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Yes, I do want my child to participate.

No, I do not want my child to participate.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_