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Dear Parents:

During the 1988 legislative session, the South Carolina General Assembly voted into law the Comprehensive Health Education Act, S.C. Ann.59-32-5,et.seq. This legislation went into effect during the 1988-89 school year and required the implementation of certain guidelines into the health curriculum for all elementary and middle school students in South Carolina's public schools.

As a result of this act, numerous topics must be included in the middle school curriculum for grades six, seven, and eight. Comprehensive health education for middle school students must include community health, consumer health, personal health, environmental health, growth and development, nutrition, control of diseases and disorders, safety and accident prevention, substance use and abuse, dental health, and mental and emotional health. These topics are covered adequately in the currently adopted health textbook.

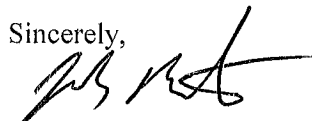
Further instruction must address reproductive health education and information on sexually transmitted diseases. Family life education and abstinence as a means of pregnancy prevention will be emphasized at these grade levels. All of the curriculum materials addressing these issues have been carefully examined and approved by District Two personnel, the Comprehensive Health Committee, and the District Two Board of Trustees.

We extend to you, the parents or guardians, an invitation to call the school and make an appointment to examine the books and related materials which will be used to teach the middle school students in the areas mentioned in the preceding paragraph. Should you object to your child being taught the health information contained in these materials, you may sign a waiver exempting your child from this instruction. Waiver forms are available in the office of the principal during normal school hours. Independent study on health related topics will be assigned to students exempting this portion of health education. Students exempting this portion of health education will not be penalized.

Reproductive health education will be taught to all sixth through eighth grade students on the following days:
January 13th – Wednesday and January 14th – Thursday, 2015

Questions may be directed to Mrs. Lana Major at the Anderson School District Two office or contact me at 864-369-4712.

Sincerely,



Josh Burton
Principal