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Pathway to the Future

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To The Parent/Guardian of:  
«FIRST» «LAST»  
«ADDRESS»  
«CITY», «ST» «ZIP»

Dear BUSD 7th Grade Parent/Guardian:

NOTE: COVID-19 Distance Learning

Due to the circumstances of shelter in place during Spring 2020, comprehensive sexual health education will be delivered in a distance learning format. Our district will be using *Positive Prevention Plus*, the program we have used for many years in BUSD, and the instruction will be delivered May 18 through June 5. The online independent study version of the program will be available to students. If the course is not completed by June 5<sup>th</sup>, it will still be available to students until July 15. Students will receive an email from Positive Prevention Plus with a link to login the first week of instruction. Their 7<sup>th</sup> grade science teachers will communicate with students about the course as well.

Due to this distance learning format, it is important for families to ensure that:

- Students have headphones or a private space away from younger children to participate in these lessons.
- Students do not record or distribute any of the instructional material.

Instructional materials remain available for review by parents/guardians; however, that process will need to be managed differently, and may be limited. If you are interested in material review, please email Barbara Friedenbach, Director of Curriculum and Instruction at [bfriedenbach@busd.net](mailto:bfriedenbach@busd.net).

California state law, the [California Healthy Youth Act](#), requires that comprehensive sexual health education and HIV prevention education be provided to students at least once in middle school or junior high school and once in high school, starting in grade 7.

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Instruction must encourage students to communicate with parents, guardians or other trusted adults about human sexuality. Instruction must be medically accurate, age-appropriate and inclusive of all students. It must include the following:

- Information about HIV and other sexually transmitted infections (STIs), including transmission, FDA approved methods to prevent HIV and STIs, and treatment
- Information that abstinence is the only certain way to prevent unintended pregnancy and HIV and other STIs, and information about value of delaying sexual activity
- Discussion about social views of HIV and AIDS
- Information about accessing resources for sexual and reproductive health care
- Information about pregnancy, including FDA approved prevention methods, pregnancy outcomes, prenatal care, and the newborn safe surrender law
- Information about sexual orientation and gender, including the harm of negative gender stereotypes
- Information about healthy relationships and avoiding unhealthy behaviors and situations

If you have questions, please contact the teacher or principal. You may request a copy of the California Healthy Youth Act (California Education Code Sections 51930-51939) by contacting Barbara Friedenbach at 408-923-1887 or [bfriedenbach@busd.net](mailto:bfriedenbach@busd.net). This instruction will be provided by the Positive Prevention Plus independent study course with support from your child's 7<sup>th</sup> grade teacher.

State law allows you to remove your student from this instruction. If you do not want your student to participate in comprehensive sexual health or HIV prevention education, please give a written request to Sandra Koehler at [skoehler@busd.net](mailto:skoehler@busd.net) by May 9. Please note the online course does not allow students to skip a lesson. It won't be possible to opt out of just one or two lessons in the middle of the course and still complete the course.

Sincerely,



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