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## Sexual Health and HIV Education <u>Opt-Out Form</u>

Dear Parent or Guardian,

Sincerely

September 19, 2019

Education Code section 51930, et seq. requires school districts to provide sexual health education and comprehensive HIV prevention training to students once in middle school and once in high school. Effective January 1, 2016, the Legislature has amended the law to provide that sexual health education and HIV/AIDS education are both mandatory for all students. The law was also renamed AB 329, The Healthy Youth Act.

Pursuant to state law, the District's Positive Prevention Plus curriculum will be taught to all 8th grade students between October 2019 and May of 2020. The lessons will encourage students to speak with their parents/guardians and other trusted adults about human sexuality and will provide students with the knowledge and skills to do so.

Your child's school will set the exact dates for this instruction and it will be delivered during their Science course. The curricular materials to be used during this training are available for your review on our District webpage as well as in the District Office and your child's school front office.

The law and the AESD recognize that parents and guardians are the primary educators of your child and that you retain the responsibility and ability to impart values about sexual health matters to your children. The AESD is committed to partnering with you to provide resources to support you in this role. As a parent, you have the right to request copies of Education Code sections 51930, et seq. and to excuse your student from any or all portion of the sexual health and HIV instruction if it is in conflict with conscience, moral, or religious beliefs.

If you DO NOT wish to have your student receive the sexual health and HIV prevention training outlined above, please complete the opt-out information below and return the completed form to your school's Principal before the date designated by your students' school site. If the form is **not received** by this date, your student will receive sexual health and HIV prevention education as required by Education Code section 51930, et seq.

Principal		
I wish for my child (below) to be exc	used from this portion of the sexu	nal health and HIV education unit(s):
	Student Name	Date:
Parent/Guardian's Name:	Parent/Guardian's	Signature: