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Dear Parent or Guardian:

During the week of <u>March 22, 2021 through March 26, 2021</u>, your child will receive Sexual Health Education as part of the CPS Sexual Health Education Policy. The lessons for **Grade 8** are titled:

- Lesson 4: Talking Without Speaking The Role of Texting in Relationships
- Lesson 5: Communicating About Body Parts A Review of Anatomy and Physiology
- Lesson 7: "Red, Yellow, or Red?" What is Appropriate Behavior?
- Lesson 8: Warning Signs Understanding Sexual Abuse and Assault
- Lesson 9: Talking About Sexually Transmitted Infections
- Lesson 12: Effective Communication to Support Your Values

You are welcome to contact me by telephone or email to schedule a meeting with me to discuss the lessons and information we will be teaching your student.

The Board acknowledges that parents/guardians are the primary sexuality educators for their child/children. Carnegie School is committed to partnering with you to provide supplementary instruction to students via the sexual health education lessons.

In alignment with Illinois law ("*No pupil shall be required to take or participate in any class or course on AIDS or family life instruction if his parent or guardian submits written objection thereto, and refusal to take or participate in the course or program shall not be reason for suspension or expulsion of the pupil.*" 105 ILCS 110/3), a parent/guardian must provide a timely written objection to opt their child/children out of participating in any CPS Sexual Health Education course. No student with a written parental objection will be suspended or expelled for refusal to participate in any such course. If you wish to have your child excused from participation, please inform me in writing.

Sincerely,

Mrs. D. Pollard, Principal Ms. M. Shea, PE/Health Teacher