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To the Parents/Guardians of MME and MMW Sixth Grade Students,

During the 2016-2017 school year, your child will have one quarter of health education. Part of the health education curriculum in sixth grade is the study of human sexuality. The unit will be taught during the last three weeks of health education. The curriculum is based upon seven values – equality, fairness, honesty, respect, responsibility, self-control, and compassion. The following is an overview of the general topics that will be covered during the unit:

Section I  Introduction, Ground Rules and Values
Section II  Physical Changes of Puberty and the Reproductive Systems
Section III Emotional and Social Changes of Puberty
Section IV  Pregnancy, Labor and Birth
Section V   Sexual Harassment
Section VI  Sexually Transmitted Infections
Section VII Decision Making (embedded throughout the curriculum)

The curriculum includes a variety of teaching methods: teacher presentations, small group activities, student information sheets, class discussion, student and parent/guardian homework assignments, videos, and reading a book called *Your Body Book* (published by Meeks Heit, 2000).

We are offering a preview session of the human sexuality curriculum on **Monday, October 17th at MME starting at 6:30 in the media center. This will be the only parent/guardian preview meeting this year.** If you are unable to attend the meeting and would like to learn more about the curriculum, feel free to review materials (including videos) in the Media Center at either MME or MMW (please email ahead). Materials will be available for preview after the meeting beginning October 19th. The materials in the Media Centers will provide a broad picture of what your child will learn throughout the unit (e.g. general topics, examples of activities, and copies of assignments). If you have questions after previewing the materials, please contact your child’s health teacher.

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You will receive a reminder shortly before the sexuality unit begins from your child’s health teacher notifying you of the exact date that the unit will begin for your child. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Principal – MMW