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Dear Parent/Guardian:

In Grade 6, students will receive instruction in the following units: Mental and Emotional Health; Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drugs; Personal and Consumer Health; and Safety and Injury Prevention.

- Mental and Emotional Health Unit topics include analyzing influences, accessing information, interpersonal communication, decision making, goal setting, self/stress management, personal wellness, emotions, and advocacy.
- Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drugs Unit topics include benefits of a drug-free lifestyle.
- Personal and Consumer Health Unit topics include hygiene and health care products.
- Safety and Injury Prevention Unit topics include media/technology harassment, cyberbullying, bullying, personal safety (pedestrian and other methods), and first aid and emergency response.

Family Life and Human Sexuality (FLHS) instruction will occur in grade 7, grade 8, and high school health education courses. Parents/guardians of grade 7, grade 8, and high school students will be informed of the indicators and objectives of the FLHS unit and be given the opportunity to opt their child out of instruction for that unit.

Sincerely,

Dr. Joel L. Beidleman Principal