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TO: All Principals
FROM: Judith Klinek, Chief Academic Officer
SUBJECT: HUMAN GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT TRAININGS

All students in grades K-9 shall be given the opportunity to participate in the Human Growth & Development program. Five-day units of study have been developed for grades K-9, and they can be found on Learning Village. The curriculum is generally taught in late April or early May. Please refer to grade-level scopes for recommended timeframes. After completing the unit, each school will submit the *Human Growth & Development Curriculum School Data Summary* (Form #0539) electronically to the Department of K-12 Curriculum.

Professional development training workshops for Human Growth & Development have been scheduled for the 2011-12 school year. There are two types of training workshops: face-to-face and online.

Face-to-Face Training: This is recommended for teachers who will teach the Human Growth & Development curriculum and who have not attended a face-to-face training in the past three years. Even if all of your teachers have attended a face-to-face training within the last three years, it is recommended that you send one teacher from your school to a face-to-face training. This teacher will get information about program guidelines and curriculum updates to share with your faculty.

Teachers may begin to register for the face-to-face trainings on TrainU starting on December 22. Use the following pathway to register for the face-to-face trainings: District Home Page>Employees>TrainU>View Course Catalog>Science. Once on this page, teachers can select the training that they would like to attend. Teachers can log-in to TrainU using their district username and password. Due to space limitations, teachers must register for the face-to-face trainings. In-service points will be awarded for teachers who complete the face-to-face training and submit the appropriate follow-up documentation.

Online Training: This is recommended for any teacher who implements the curriculum and who has already attended a face-to-face training within the past three years. The online training provides teachers with an overview of the curriculum guidelines and Breeze presentations on the major topics covered.

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2012 Face-to-Face Professional Development Schedule

Wednesday, January 18	8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Grades K-2	Pew Center
	12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Grades 3-5	Pew Center
Thursday, January 19	8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Grades K-2	Safe Schools
	12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Grades 3-5	Safe Schools
Tuesday, January 24	8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Grades 6-9	Pew Center
Wednesday, January 25	8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Grades 6-9	Safe Schools

Make-Up Face-to-Face Training Schedule (Make up sessions include an abbreviated agenda.)

Wednesday, February 1	8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Grades 6-9	Pew Center
	12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Grades K-5	Pew Center
Thursday, February 2	8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Grades K-5	Safe Schools
	12:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Grades 6-9	Safe Schools

Please note that the Pew Center is located just north of H.L. Watkins Middle School (next door). Safe Schools is located on the campus of Don Estridge High Tech Middle School.

General Information - Human Growth & Development Curriculum

Grade Levels	Topics Addressed
K-3	personal safety, character education, wellness
4-5	self-esteem, decision making, healthy and unhealthy touching, media influences, social networking websites, texting, male and female reproductive systems, puberty, HIV/AIDS
6-9	self-esteem, decision making, refusal skills, media influences, social networking websites, texting, male and female reproductive systems, puberty, contraception, dating violence, STIs including HIV/AIDS, disease prevention

Opt-Out Policy

All students in grades K-9 shall be offered the opportunity to participate in the Human Growth & Development program. In grades K-9, the Human Growth & Development curriculum is designed to be taught over the course of five days. Prior to conducting the program, a *Human Growth & Development Study Exemption* form or opt-out form (Form #2140 on district website) must be distributed to each student in grades 3-9. There is a special cover letter that should be sent home with the opt-out form for students in grade 3. This letter can be found on Learning Village (on the 3rd grade elementary science course page under *Human Growth & Development Resources*). **It is highly recommended that you post information about the opt-out policy on your school's website and Edline pages to ensure that all parents and guardians understand the opt-out process.** More information about the opt-out policy will be addressed at the trainings.

Reporting Data

As documentation for completion of the program, each school will complete the *Human Growth & Development Curriculum School Data Summary* (Form #0539) and submit the results electronically to the Department of K-12 Curriculum by May 30, 2012. More information about reporting data will be addressed at the trainings.

Parent Component

A parent component has been added to the Human Growth & Development curriculum. This PowerPoint presentation includes Palm Beach County data regarding: teen pregnancy, STIs, and HIV/AIDS; Youth Risk Behavior Survey data; precautions relating to social networking sites and texting; a brief overview of the Human Growth & Development curriculum at each grade level; and parent resources. It is available for teachers and administrators to share with parents. The parent component can be found on Learning Village.

If you have any questions regarding the Human Growth & Development curriculum, please contact Wendy Spielman King, K-12 Science Manager, at PX 21152.

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E. Wayne Gent, Superintendent