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TO: All Middle and High School Principals

FROM: Janis Andrews, Ed.D. 
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SUBJECT: *THE NATIONAL DAY TO PREVENT TEEN PREGNANCY, MAY 2, 2012*

The eleventh annual *National Day to Prevent Teen Pregnancy* will take place on **May 2, 2012**. The purpose of the National Day is to focus the attention of teens on the importance of avoiding teen pregnancy and other serious consequences of sex. **The most recent news on this front has been positive** with steady declines in teen pregnancy. Nevertheless, over 2,000 teens become pregnant each day in America.

The School District, along with support from the Children Services Council, the Health Care District, the Palm Beach County Department of Health, Healthy Mothers/Healthy Babies, Planned Parenthood, faith-based, and community agencies, addresses the issue of teen pregnancy by promoting the *National Day to Prevent Teen Pregnancy*.

Throughout the entire month of May, teens nationwide are asked to take the quiz from the National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy. The quiz is available through www.pbcteens.org where teens take a short, scenario-based quiz (available in English and Spanish). The quiz challenges young people to consider their decisions and emphasizes that the only way to prevent teen pregnancy 100% of the time is not to have sex. The site www.pbcteens.org also provides resources and links important for teens and parents that are specific to the Palm Beach County area.

Posters and materials advertising the *National Day to Prevent Teen Pregnancy* will be delivered to middle and high school guidance offices, middle and high school clinics, and 9th grade science teachers (as part of the Human Growth and Development curriculum). A short DJ "commercial" for morning announcements on CD and wrist bracelets will also be provided. Materials will arrive at your school the last week of April.

Findings from the 2011 National Day Quiz survey indicate:

- 72% of respondents said the Quiz made them think about what they might do in such situations;
- 61% said the Quiz made the risks of sex and teen pregnancy seem more real to them;
- 46% said they learned something new from the Quiz about the consequences of sex;
- 61% said they would talk to their friends about the situations described in the Quiz; and
- 52% said the Quiz made them think about things they had not thought about before.

Schools are encouraged to display the posters and be involved in this worthwhile campaign. For more information and materials about the *National Day to Prevent Teen Pregnancy*, as well as teacher and parent discussion guides, visit TheNationalCampaign.org.

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