



DIXIE SCHOOL DISTRICT

380 NOVA ALBION WAY
SAN RAFAEL, CA 94903

January 17, 2012

Dear Parent/Guardian:

During the years at Miller Creek your child in 6th, 7th or 8th grade will be studying health education topics that deal with drugs and human sexuality. Class topics will include: the human anatomy and reproductive system, puberty, person hygiene, sexually transmitted diseases, HIV/AIDS, and drug and alcohol use. Instruction and discussions will include opportunities for students to ask questions. All of these discussions are designed to encourage the students to make wise decisions based on their knowledge of the facts, with a focus on abstinence.

In 6th grade, your child will be participating in *Nightmare on Puberty St.* *Nightmare of Puberty St.* contains sexual health information. For more information about this program we encourage parents to download *A Parent's Guide: Nightmare on Puberty St.* from the following website: http://xnet.kp.org/etp/ncal/parents_teachers/nightmare.html. Versions of this guide are available in English, Spanish, Chinese and Vietnamese.

Also, please check with your school administrator or district office for guidance, or see the California Department of Education website for more information: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/he/se>.

California state law requires that HIV/AIDS prevention education is taught in middle school and in high school. If comprehensive sexual health education is taught, the District shall follow state laws (California *Education Code* Section 51933). The District may not pick and choose topics to teach. You can examine instructional materials at the Miller Creek Middle School office or online at http://xnet.kp.org/etp/ncal/parents_teachers/nightmare.html. If you have questions, please contact your student's science teacher or the principal.

In order for your student to participate in these classes, he or she **must** have the permission slip form below signed and returned to his/her science teacher on or before Friday, January 20, 2012.

State law allows you to withdraw your student from these health education classes. If you **do not** want your student to participate in this instructional program, please indicate your choice on the form below and return to your student's science teacher by Friday, January 20, 2012.

The goal of a comprehensive sexual health education program is to help students learn the facts and to make good decisions now, and later in life.

Sincerely,
Miller Creek Science Teachers

-----Return by Friday, January 20, 2012 -----

- YES, I want my child to participate in the sexual health education program.
- NO, I do not want my child to participate in the sexual health education program. I understand my child will be assigned other learning activities/course work.

Student's Name

Parent's Signature

Date