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Feb 27, 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian:

I will be teaching the sexual education portion of the grade 7-9 health curriculum. Due to the nature of the material discussed in class, we will require permission from you, for your child to participate in these classes.

1. If you choose **not to include your child** in the unit then we will expect them to be in the library reading and working on a different health assignment. It will not be a free class for them. You must fill out the attached form and send it in.
2. If you choose **to include your child** then please fill in **ONLY** the bottom signature on the attached form.

On the reverse of this letter are the course's sexual education outcomes so that you may preview the range of content that will be covered. In order to teach the material we will implement a variety of activities and lessons, and possibly a guest speaker from Alberta health services. These classes will commence on March 10th and will continue in health classes until April 17<sup>th</sup> ( a month).

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me by phone or email at any time.

Sincerely,

Melanie Buckley  
[Melanie.buckley@pembinahills.ca](mailto:Melanie.buckley@pembinahills.ca)

***Please fill in the attached form according to your wishes and return to Mrs. Buckley by March 9, 2020.***

Grade 7 Outcomes	Grade 8 Outcomes	Grade 9 Outcomes
<p>W-7.3 <i>examine the human reproductive process, and recognize misunderstandings associated with sexual development</i></p>	<p>W-8.3 <i>recognize and accept that individuals experience different rates of physical, emotional, sexual and social development</i></p>	<p>W-9.3 <i>apply coping strategies when experiencing different rates of physical, emotional, sexual and social development; e.g., positive self-talk</i></p>
<p>W-7.12 <i>identify the effects of social influences on sexuality and gender roles and equity; e.g., media, culture</i></p>	<p>W-8.7 <i>determine the signs, methods and consequences of various types of abuse; e.g., neglect, physical, emotional, sexual abuse</i></p>	<p>W-9.7 <i>evaluate implications and consequences of sexual assault on a victim and those associated with that victim</i></p>
<p>W-7.13 <i>examine the influences on personal decision making for responsible sexual behaviour</i></p>	<p>W-8.12 <i>identify and describe the responsibilities and consequences associated with involvement in a sexual relationship</i></p>	<p>W-9.12 <i>determine "safer" sex practices; e.g., communicate with partner, maintain abstinence, limit partners, access/use condoms/contraceptives properly</i></p>
<p>W-7.14 <i>examine abstinence and decisions to postpone sexual activity as healthy choices</i></p>	<p>W-8.13 <i>describe symptoms, effects, treatments and prevention for common sexually transmitted diseases; i.e., chlamydia, HPV, herpes, gonorrhoea, hepatitis B/C, HIV</i></p> <p>W-8.14 <i>identify and describe basic types of contraceptives; i.e., abstinence, condom, foam, birth control pills</i></p>	<p>W-9.13 <i>identify and describe the responsibilities and resources associated with pregnancy and parenting</i></p> <p>W-9.14 <i>develop strategies that address factors to prevent or reduce sexual risk; e.g., abstain from drugs and alcohol, date in groups, use assertive behaviour</i></p>

Date:

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Your child is currently enrolled in a course or program of studies that *[circle one]*:

- a) includes subject matter that deals primarily and explicitly with   
*[specify religion, human sexuality or sexual orientation]; or*
- b) uses an instructional material or exercise that includes subject matter that deals primarily and explicitly with   
*[specify religion, human sexuality or sexual orientation].*

The subject matter is contained in the following areas:

*[identify the theme/outcome of the course or program of studies, the exercise or the instructional material that contains the subject matter]*

The purpose for the inclusion of this subject matter in the course or program of studies is:

*[identify the learning outcome associated with the identified subject matter].*

Instruction involving the subject matter will be provided on   
*[specify date and time].*

Pursuant to section 58.1 of the *Alberta Education Act*, you as a parent/guardian may request that your child be excluded from the above-identified instruction, without academic penalty, by having your child either:

- a) leave the classroom or place where the instruction is taking place or where the instructional material is being used for the duration of that part of the instruction; or
- b) remain in the classroom or place where the instruction is taking place without taking part in the instruction or use of instructional material.

**In order to exercise this option, you must sign and return the attached exemption form to  *[specify individual]* on or before the date of the instruction indicated above. If this form is not returned before that date, your child will be included in the instruction above.**

If you would like additional information about the content of this notification, please contact:

*[specify individual]*

*[identify Principal/Teacher and school board]*

**STUDENT EXEMPTION UNDER SECTION 58.1 OF THE ALBERTA EDUCATION ACT**

TO: Principal/Teacher of **Eleanor Hall** [identify school], of Pembina Hills School Division.

In response to the notice provided to me by the Board of Trustees of Pembina Hills School Division dated **Feb 27, 2020** [date of notice] indicating that a course or program of studies in which my child is enrolled, or an instructional material or exercise used in a course or program of studies in which my child is enrolled, includes subject matter that deals primarily and explicitly with **human sexuality** [specify religion, human sexuality or sexual orientation],

I, [name of parent/legal guardian], in accordance with section 58.1 of the *Alberta Education Act*, hereby request that my child, [name of child] be excluded from the instruction, exercise or the use of instructional material identified in the notice.

I request that my child: (check relevant box)

- A. Leave the classroom or place where the instruction is taking place or where the instructional material is being used for the duration of that part of the instruction.  
OR
- B. Remain in the classroom or place where the instruction is taking place without taking part in the instruction or use of instructional material.

I confirm that I am the legal guardian of [name of child] and have chosen to exercise my option to have my child excluded from the instruction described in the notice from **Eleanor Hall** School [name of school] on the dates indicated in the notice. I also confirm that it is my obligation to ensure that this form is returned to the school principal/teacher on or before the date of the instruction indicated in the notice.

The child to whom this exemption notice applies is: [name of child]

Grade: **8**

Parent/Legal Guardian signature:

Date: [ ]

Student signature (if 18 years or older):

Date: [ ]

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If you are in agreement with your child's participation, please sign on the line below to verify that you have received this notice.

Parent/Legal Guardian signature:

Date: [ ]