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TO: All Principals

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SUBJECT: SY 2013 HUMAN GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT TRAINING

All students in grades K-9 shall be given the opportunity to participate in the Human Growth and Development program. The curriculum lessons have been developed and 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 lessons, each school will submit the *Human Growth and Development Curriculum School Data Summary* (Liquid Office Form #0539) electronically to the Department of K-12 Curriculum.

Professional development training workshops for Human Growth and Development have been scheduled for the 2012-13 school year. There are two types of workshops: face-to-face and online.

Face-to-Face Trainings: These are recommended for teachers who will teach the Human Growth and 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. Due to space limitations, teachers must register for the face-to-face trainings.

Online Trainings: These are 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

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guidelines and Breeze presentations on the major topics covered in the curriculum. The online trainings will be available on TrainU by December 22.

Registration for all training should be done via TrainU on the district website. To register for training, use the following pathway: District Home Page > Employees > TrainU > View Course Catalog > Science. Once on this page, teachers may select the training that they would like to complete. Teachers log-in to TrainU using their district username and password. In-service points will be awarded for teachers who complete the training and submit the appropriate follow-up documentation.

2013 Face-to-Face Professional Development Schedule

Tuesday, January 15	8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Grades K-2	Safe Schools
	12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Grades 3-5	Safe Schools
Thursday, January 17	8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Grades K-2	Pew Center
	12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Grades 3-5	Pew Center
Tuesday, January 22	8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Grades 6-9	Safe Schools
Wednesday, January 23	8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Grades 6-9	Pew Center

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

Wednesday, January 30	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
Thursday, January 31	8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Grades K-5	Pew Center
	12:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Grades 6-9	Pew Center

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

General Information - Human Growth and 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

The Human Growth and Development curriculum is designed to be taught (in grades K-9) over the course of five days. Prior to conducting the program, a *Human Growth and 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 and 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/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 and Development Curriculum School Data Summary* (Form #0539) and submit the results electronically to the Department of K-12 Curriculum by May 31, 2013. More information about reporting data will be addressed at the trainings.

Parent Component

A parent component has been added to the Human Growth and 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

and 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 and Development curriculum, please contact Wendy Spielman King, K-12 Science Manager, at PX 21152.

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