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**TO:** All Middle and High School Principals

**FROM:** Cheryl Alligood, Chief Academic Officer *cca*

**SUBJECT: THE NATIONAL DAY TO PREVENT TEEN PREGNANCY - WEDNESDAY, MAY 1, 2013**

The 12<sup>th</sup> annual *National Day to Prevent Teen Pregnancy* will take place on Wednesday, May 1, 2013. The purpose of this event 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](http://www.pbcteens.org) which gives teens the opportunity to 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 provides resources and links important for teens and parents 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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 the last week of April.

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Findings from the 2012 National Day Quiz survey indicate:

- 85% of respondents said the Quiz made them think about what they might do in such situations;
- 61% said some of the situations on the Quiz were things that they, or their friends, have faced;
- 63% said the Quiz made the risks of sex and teen pregnancy seem more real to them;
- 58% said the Quiz made them think about things they hadn't thought about before; and
- 58% said they learned something new from the Quiz and about the consequences of sex.

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 [www.TheNationalCampaign.org](http://www.TheNationalCampaign.org).

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