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TO: All Middle and High School Principals

FROM: Cheryl C. Alligood, Chief Academic Officer 

SUBJECT: ANNUAL NATIONAL CAMPAIGN TO PREVENT TEEN PREGNANCY

The 13TH Annual ***National Day to Prevent Teen Pregnancy*** will take place on **Wednesday, May 7, 2014**. The purpose of the National Day is straight forward. Too many teens think "It can't happen to me." The information provided within this initiative helps teens understand that it can happen to them and they need to think seriously about what they would do in the moment. **The most recent news on teen pregnancy has been positive** with steady declines in teen pregnancy. Nevertheless, less than half of all teen mothers ever graduate from high school.

The District, along with support from the Children's Services Council, the Health Care District, Florida Department of Health, Healthy Mothers/Healthy Babies, Planned Parenthood, faith-based, and community agencies, addresses the issue of teen pregnancy by promoting the ***National Campaign 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.

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 science teachers (as part of the Human Growth and Development curriculum). A short PSA for morning announcements on CD and wrist bracelets will also be provided. Materials will arrive in the last week of April.

Findings from the 2013 National Day Quiz survey indicate:

- 88% of respondents said the Quiz made them think about what they might do in such situations;
- 70% said some of the situations on the Quiz were things that they or their friends have faced;
- 66% said the Quiz made the risks of sex and teen pregnancy seem more real to them;
- 67% said the Quiz made them think about things they hadn't thought about before; and
- 60% 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 TheNationalCampaign.org.

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