

October 11, 2008

Dear Parent/Guardian,

In response to the growing threat of HIV to our population, the 1988 Washington State Legislature mandated that a program of prevention education be presented to student's yearly beginning with the fifth grade. The Lake Washington School District has adopted an appropriate program for HIV/AIDS prevention education with the advice of educators, parents, and community members.

The curriculum provides a science-based understanding of the AIDS virus, how it is transmitted, diagnosed and prevented. Students will also be taught the meaning of abstinence and risk behavior. These lessons will be taught by district teachers at your child's school.

The HIV/AIDS curriculum will be taught on these dates: April 8<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>

In accordance with the AIDS Omnibus Bill (E2SSB 6221), no student may be required to participate in AIDS prevention education if the student's parent(s) or guardian, having previewed the materials, excuses their child from participation. To preview the material please contact us here at the school to set an appointment. Additionally, you may schedule a time to preview the material with our Curriculum Library Secretary at the Resource Center. The number is (425) 702-3327. If you choose to excuse your child from this instruction, you will need to complete a request form that is available once you have previewed the materials. The form needs to be returned by: April 7<sup>th</sup>.

Sincerely,

Gary Moed

Principal