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## Linden Unified School District

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

California state law, the *California Healthy Youth Act*, requires that comprehensive sexual health education and HIV prevention education be provided to students at least once in middle school and once in high school. Instruction must encourage students to communicate with parents, guardians or other trusted adults about human sexuality. Instruction must be medically accurate, age-appropriate and inclusive of all students. It must include the following:

- Information about HIV and other sexually transmitted infections (STIs), including transmission, FDA approved methods to prevent HIV and STIs, and treatment
- Information that abstinence is the only certain way to prevent unintended pregnancy and HIV and other STIs, and information about value of delaying sexual activity
- Discussion about social views of HIV and AIDS
- Information about accessing resources for sexual and reproductive health care
- Information about pregnancy, including FDA approved prevention methods, pregnancy outcomes, prenatal care, and the newborn safe surrender law
- Information about sexual orientation and gender, including the harm of negative gender stereotypes
- Information about healthy relationships and avoiding unhealthy behaviors and situations

In April – May 2018, students enrolled in 7<sup>th</sup> grade Science and 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> grade Health classes will receive 10 hours of instruction in this content. The District will use the middle school and high school editions of *Teen Talk* curricula by Health Connected.

You can examine instructional materials during school hours at Waterloo School's Library (*Teen Talk Middle School*) and at Linden High School's Library (*Teen Talk High School*) until October 31, 2017. If you have any questions about the topics that will be covered during the course, please contact Vanessa Kellam, Health Connected's Parent Engagement Coordinator, at (650) 367-1937, extension 18.

State law allows you to remove your student from this instruction. If you do not want your student to participate in comprehensive sexual health or HIV prevention education, please give a written request to your student's principal by October 31, 2017.

If you have any questions about *Teen Talk* implementation, please contact your student's principal and for any questions regarding program content, please contact Vanessa Kellam at (650) 367-1937, extension 18.

Sincerely,

Rick Hall  
Superintendent