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Dear Parent/Guardian:

You are receiving this letter because you have a student enrolled in a Biology class this term. 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, starting in grade 7. In Stockton Unified, students in high school receive this instruction during their Biology class.

The Board-adopted curriculum, *Teen Talk*, will be used and instruction will be delivered beginning in April of 2022. Your student's school will determine when they are providing the curriculum. Offerings of this instruction will be in your student's Biology class. Students retaking Biology will still be partaking in the *Teen Talk* curriculum as it is part of the Biology curriculum.

Instructional materials will be available for review by parents/guardians through three parent meetings on Zoom on the following dates:

- 3/23/22 <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84160791393?pwd=bIZxeXloejF3aU5yTDNsSzloM3d2UT09>
- 3/24/22 <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83030476392?pwd=L1FuQmV1cm83RTlqY3JOY1JWV0d2UT09>
- 3/29/22 <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84105874488?pwd=OU54ekxYekUveUZ0UHZmc3J4Q1o4UT09>

If you are interested in further reviewing the curriculum, please email Marcus Sherman at msherman@stocktonusd.net.

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 an electronic written request to your student's science teacher and/or site principal as soon as possible.

Per the California Healthy Youth Act, 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.

If you have questions, please contact your student's Biology teacher or school principal.

Sincerely,

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