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Dear Parent/Guardian:

In Grade 6, students will receive instruction in the following units: Mental and Emotional Health; Substance Use and Misuse Prevention; Safety and Violence Prevention; and Healthy Eating.

- Mental and Emotional Health Unit topics include wellness, emotions, feelings, relationships, self and social awareness, and trusted adults.
- Substance Use and Misuse Prevention Unit topics include medicine, household products, alcohol, opioids, nicotine products, marijuana products, performance enhancing substances, and other trending drugs or substances..
- Safety and Violence Prevention Unit topics include safety and injuries, technology safety, boundaries and consent, discrimination and violence, abuse and assault, and bystander intervention and compassion for victims.
- Healthy Eating Unit topics include nutritious foods and beverages, and sugar sweetened beverages.

Family Life and Human Sexuality (FLHS) instruction will occur in Grades 7, 8, and in the high school health education courses. Parents/guardians of Grades 7, 8, and High School students will be informed of the topics and indicators of the FLHS unit and be given the opportunity to opt their child out of instruction for that unit.

Sincerely,

Craig W. Staton

Principal