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Dear Parents and/or Guardians,

Throughout the school year, our fifth-grade class will participate in a number of human growth and development lessons (HG&D) designed to meet learning objectives approved by the Neenah Joint School District Board of Education on November 30, 2017. Lessons in all grade levels include age-appropriate topics related to healthy relationships, personal safety, anatomy and physiology, puberty and adolescent development, identity, pregnancy and reproduction, and sexually transmitted infections and HIV. Instruction for our class will begin on approximately **ENTER DATE HERE** with lessons appearing at various times throughout the school year. For more information and access to all fifth-grade objectives, materials, and lesson plans for (HG&D) visit the following link: <https://neenah.instructure.com/enroll/MTA8DC>.

Fifth Grade lessons include

- Treating others with respect
- Knowing ways to respond when someone is being teased, bullied and/or harassed
- Understanding positive and negative ways others influence relationships
- Knowing what bloodborne pathogens are, how they are spread and way to prevent spreading
- Using assertive communication about how they are being treated or about their needs
- Understanding internet and social media safety
- Demonstrating refusal skills
- Communicating different opinions while maintaining relationships
- Defining sexual harassment, sexual abuse and sex trafficking
- Identifying the male and female reproductive system, including body parts and their functions
- Identifying medically-accurate information about male and female reproductive anatomy
- Understanding all aspects of puberty
- Understanding the process of human reproduction
- Understanding how peers, media, family, society and culture influence ideas about body image
- Introduction to gender identity including sexual orientation

Parents are children's first teachers. Please take time to review the lessons and materials in Canvas to build your awareness of these learning objectives so that you can continue to support your child in their development. After reviewing the lessons and materials, if you do not want your child to participate the one or more of the (HG&D) lessons for fifth grade, please complete the enclosed opt-out form specifying the lessons in which your child should not participate.

Please contact me at **ENTER EMAIL ADDRESS** and/or **SCHOOL PHONE** if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

ENTER YOUR NAME and TITLE