

**NOTICE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN PREVIEW MEETING:
Grades 5-12 Human Growth and Development Program
Grades 5-12 HIV/AIDS Prevention Education Program**

Date: Wednesday, March 21, 2018
Time: 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Location: Cedarhome Elementary School
Address: 27911 68th Ave. NW, Stanwood, WA 98292

Dear Parents and Guardians of Stanwood-Camano Grades 5-12 Students:

This spring, teachers in grades 5-12 will be instructing students regarding required HIV/AIDS prevention education. In 1988 the Washington State Legislature passed the AIDS Omnibus Act which mandates HIV/AIDS prevention education beginning in Grade 5 and continuing through Grade 12.

The Stanwood-Camano School District has recently adopted components of the state approved F.L.A.S.H curriculum and will be using the appropriate portions to address Human Growth and Development and AIDS/HIV. Instruction will take place in a co-educational environment for grades 5-12. In grade 5, one lesson will separate boys and girls for specific questions they might have. Additionally, 5th grade students will have a more indepth look at puberty and AIDS/HIV that will span 5 days for an hour of instruction per day.

On Wednesday, March 21, 2018, 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Cedarhome Elementary School a meeting will be held for parents/guardians of students in grades 5-12 to provide an opportunity to preview the HIV/AIDS prevention and human growth and development education program. Students' instructional materials will be available for your inspection. This will also enable you and your child to have meaningful family discussions before and after the classroom presentations. Communication about specific dates for instruction will come from your school.

Following the preview of the video and instructional materials, parents/guardians who wish to have their child excused from participation in the HIV/AIDS prevention or human growth and development program can sign an opt out form that will be available. *State law provides that a parent or guardian must attend such a meeting before they can have their child or legal ward excused from participation in the HIV prevention program.*

We look forward to discussing this important topic with you.

Sincerely,

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