



MILL A SCHOOL DISTRICT

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February 27, 2024

Dear PCIA Parents & Guardians,

This letter is to inform you that because of Senate Bill 5395 passed by the Legislature and Washington voters in 2020 all public schools are required to provide comprehensive sexual health education. In accordance with district policy 2125, MASD schools have, and will continue to make age-appropriate health education a priority. In overview, students in grades 9-12 will learn about preventing HIV and other STIs, abstinence, condoms competence, STI testing & treatment, communication and informed consent.

This instruction will be provided by our PE/Health instructor, Rachel Duffus, on the following date:
April 12, 2024.

To provide our students with quality instruction on this topic, we will be utilizing the Health Smart curriculum, which was developed to ensure that medically and scientifically accurate information is presented. All of this information is presented by trained staff in a safe and comfortable environment. Please also know that Ms. Duffus is trained to lead discussions that recognize values-based questions. When these questions arise, Ms. Duffus does not share her opinions. Instead, she helps the students to recognize that some health, relationship, and sexual choices are determined by the norms of your culture and family. In light of this, we hope that you will be a partner in your child's education during these units of study. Further material on HIV/Aids instruction (per grade levels) can be found on the school website www.milla.k12.wa.us under our "Parents Page". You may also preview the material at the school by contacting Ms. Lisa and scheduling a time that works best for you (509-538-2522).

If you intend to have your child opt out of the STI/HIV prevention unit, please fill out and submit the form to Ms. Lisa by April 11, 2024. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Kaylene Herman (kaylene.herman@millasd.org) or Bob Rogers (bob.rogers@millasd.org).

Sincerely,

Kaylene Herman
Dean of Students