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SUBJ: "Opt Out" Notification

Dear Principal _____:

Pursuant to M.G.L. 71 Sec. 32A, and DESE Advisory Opinion of April 7, 1997, I hereby exercise my parental right to exempt my child(ren) from any portion of a class or curriculum (including school assemblies or other instructional activities and programs) that primarily involves human sexual education or human sexuality issues.

In addition to my right as a parent to exempt my child(ren) as referenced above, state law also requires that no student shall be penalized by reason of such an exemption, for example by denying him or her course credit. The Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education further advises that, "In order to ensure that all students receive the structured learning time due them, the school should make efforts to accommodate the exempted student in another class, assign an alternative educational project, or provide the student with a directed study period for the duration of the exemption." <http://www.doe.mass.edu/lawsregs/advisory/c7132adv.html>

Please respond to this correspondence acknowledging its receipt and informing me of the planned accommodation (alternative class, assignment, project, study period, etc.) for my child(ren).

Sincerely,