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Dear Seventh and Eighth Grade Parents and Guardians:

This year, as part of the Qualters Middle School comprehensive health curriculum, all students will receive human sexuality education. Depending on your child's grade level, topics may include:

- Personal Safety
- Puberty
- HIV/AIDS and Sexuality Transmitted Infections (STDs)
- Contraception and Pregnancy Prevention
- Healthy Relationships
- Decision Making

The Mansfield Public Schools acknowledges that parents/guardians are the primary sexuality educators for their child/children and we are committed to partnering with you to provide supplementary resources to support you in this role.

We encourage you to explore the following resources for more information:

- <http://www.doe.mass.edu/frameworks/health/1999/1099.pdf>
- QMS website to preview classroom lessons

Under Massachusetts law you may exempt your child from any portion of the curriculum that primarily involves human sexual education or human sexuality issues. To receive an exemption, simply send me a letter requesting an exemption for your child by February 6, 2024. No student who is exempted from this portion of the curriculum will be penalized. We may provide an alternative assignment to students who are exempted.

Any parent/guardian who would like to discuss the curriculum or specific lessons in more detail should reach out to their child's Health Teacher. Your child's Health Teacher can be reached by phone at (508)-261-7530 or by email at thomas.flammini@mansfieldschools.com, kevin.otto@mansfieldschools.com, jennie.graham@mansfieldschools.com, or liz.pruell@mansfieldschools.com

We look forward to working with you to support your child.

Sincerely,

David McGovern

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