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Dear Parent/Guardian:

The NYS Education Department and the NYC Department of Education require that HIV/AIDS education be provided for all students in Kindergarten through Grade 12. The HIV/AIDS Curriculum that NYCDOE developed for NYC students is age and developmentally appropriate. For example, in Kindergarten, students learn how people get sick and how to get better. In 5th grade, children learn how diseases are transmitted and how the body protects itself from disease.

This year our Physical Education/Health teachers, Mr. Fazio and Mr. Vasile will be implementing the mandated HIV/AIDS lessons remotely with each class in our school. As a parent or legal guardian, you have the right to excuse your child from certain HIV/AIDS lessons that teach about methods of HIV prevention. These "opt out" prevention lessons are identified in the HIV/AIDS Curriculum, which can be found online at:

<https://www.weteachnyc.org/resources/resource/hivaids-curriculum-2012-edtion/>

If you would like your child to be excused, you must send one email to me and our Parent Coordinator, Michele Wei at MWei@schoolsny.gov stating that:

- Your child should not be in the classroom (virtual or in-person) during the "opt-out" prevention lessons; and
- You will teach your child about prevention at home.

Education is the best way we can help our students protect their health. If you have any questions regarding this program, please contact our Parent Coordinator, Michele Wei.

Sincerely,

Nancy Tomasuolo