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Dear Parents/Guardians:

We are pleased to inform you that your child will be offered an Abstinence-Until-Marriage Unit in his/her health class. This unit reflects abstinence until marriage focus as required by the North Carolina State Board of Education. This curriculum has been designed to provide students with information, decision-making skills and resources that will encourage thoughtful and responsible behavior.

A variety of teaching techniques will be used during this unit including lectures, discussion, small group projects and several parent/student homework assignments. These parent/student homework assignments have been designated to encourage increased levels of communication and to create opportunities for dialogue.

The materials used in the program are available for review by any Wake County Public School parent or guardian. We believe that the abstinence until marriage focus of the curriculum will be a valuable asset for your child. However, we will honor any requests by parents/guardians to have their child excused from all or part of this unit. There will be no academic penalty for doing so. In this case, an alternative health assignment will be given.

We will hold a parent/guardian informational meeting regarding the Abstinence-Until-Marriage curriculum on Monday, January 30, 2006 in the school auditorium. Staff members will be on hand to answer questions and address concerns from parents and guardians. The meeting will begin at 5:00 PM.

Return the form below if you **do not** wish your child to participate in the Abstinence-Until-Marriage Unit.

Thank you,

Beverly Dudley  
Healthful Living Department Chair

Only return this portion of the letter if you wish **not** to have your child participate.

My child, \_\_\_\_\_, **does not** have permission to participate in the Abstinence-Until-Marriage Unit in his/her health class. I understand that my child will not be penalized, but will be given an alternative health education assignment.

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Parent/Guardian Signature\_\_\_\_\_  
Date