

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO WITHHOLD CONSENT CONCERNING REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH ISSUES

School Year 2016/2017

The Union County Board of Education recognizes the critical role of parent(s)/guardian(s) or legal custodian(s) in the health and education of their children. Parent(s)/guardian(s) or legal custodian(s) **may withhold consent for the following:**

- * A student's obtaining information and/or individual counseling concerning the subject of contraception or contraceptives from school board employees or school health nurses. School nurses may refer students to a private physician or to the health department for information concerning contraception or contraceptives, as authorized by state law.

School board employees and school health nurses do not provide contraceptives. School personnel and school healthcare nurses do not provide counseling, information, services of any kind, or referrals on the subject of abortion.

Parental notification or parental permission is not required for large group sessions or initial consultation intended to identify the student's needs. Parental notification and/or permission is not required when child abuse or neglect is suspected.

MY SIGNATURE BELOW AND THE RETURN OF THIS FORM INDICATES THAT I DO NOT CONSENT TO MY CHILD RECEIVING INDIVIDUAL COUNSELING AND/OR INFORMATION CONCERNING CONTRACEPTION OR CONTRACEPTIVES FROM SCHOOL BOARD EMPLOYEES OR SCHOOL HEALTH NURSES. IF THIS FORM IS NOT RETURNED THE CHILD MAY BE COUNSELED AND/OR GIVEN INFORMATION ON CONTRACEPTION AND CONTRACEPTIVES.

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature

Date

Child's Name (Please Print)

School Name (Please Print)

ANNUAL PARENT NOTIFICATION PROCESS

Parent(s)/guardian(s) play a critical role in the health and education of their children. Parent(s)/guardian(s) may withhold consent for the items listed in the notification below. A separate form will be sent for parent(s)/guardian(s) to select a sex education curriculum for their child. The consent form for parent(s)/guardian(s) to use concerning information about contraceptives and contraception is on the reverse side of this letter. All of the other items listed below must be addressed in a letter to the school principal if consent is to be withheld. A letter is not necessary if the parent(s)/guardian(s) choose to not withhold consent for the items below.

As part of the annual notification process, parents are notified that consent may be withheld for the following:

- * The release of student directory information about his/her child to outside organizations.
- * A student's participation in curriculum related to (1) prevention of sexually transmitted diseases, including AIDS, (2) the avoidance of out-of-wedlock pregnancy, (3) abstinence until marriage, or (4) abstinence based sex education.
- * A student's use of guidance programs for the individual counseling, small group counseling related to addressing specific problems, or referral to community resources on issues of a private nature, as well as information on where to obtain contraceptives. Administrative guidelines prevent school board employees and school health nurses from discussing abortion with students. Neither parental notification nor parental permission is required for large group sessions, initial consultations intended to identify the student's needs or counseling where child abuse or neglect is suspected.

A parent/legal guardian wishing to withhold consent must do so in writing after receiving notice. Otherwise, consent to the programs or activities is presumed. After the initial notification, the school is not required to provide further notice to the parent as to the manner in which student directory information is used, the curriculum is provided, or the guidance programs are made available.

Written parental permission is required prior to the following activities:

- * Medicines administered to students by employees of the school district.
- * Any release of student records that are not considered directory information unless the release is allowed or required by law.
- * Providing treatment through the school district health services.
- * Field trips off campus.