**P.A.P.A. Parent Information Letter**

August 26, 2014

Dear Parent/Guardian:

The purpose of this letter is to inform parents/guardians that their child’s health class will include a unit on the legal realities, financial and emotional responsibilities, and life impacts of becoming a parent. The Parenting and Paternity Awareness curriculum (p.a.p.a.) includes the following topics: financial costs associated with having a child, special legal issues when a child is born to unmarried parents, legal roles and rights of parents, child support, healthy relationships, and relationship violence prevention. Parenting and Paternity Awareness (p.a.p.a.) is not a sex education curriculum. Content in the p.a.p.a. curriculum is designed for students in middle school and high school. You are invited to browse the curriculum videos, handouts, and goals on the Texas Attorney General’s webpage, [www.texasattorneygeneral.gov](http://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov). (Click on Child Support and then p.a.p.a.)

If your child is under 14 years of age, your permission is required for him or her to participate in the unit that includes p.a.p.a. Teaching p.a.p.a. in health class and obtaining parent permission for students under 14 years of age conforms to the Texas Education Code; Section 28.002.

If you choose to remove your child from the classroom during this unit, there will not be a penalty on his or her grade, but your student will be given an alternative activity during the class period.

Thank you,

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