



LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT REFERENCE GUIDE

ATTACHMENT A

(School Letterhead)

(sample letter)

Date _____

Dear Parent(s) or Guardian(s):

Subject: Parents/Guardians Annual Notification Regarding Condom Availability Program

HIV/AIDS and sexually transmitted diseases are epidemic in our community. Public health statistics and reports indicate that increasing numbers of young people in their early teens are becoming involved in activities that put them at risk for infection. Although the District does offer education which emphasizes abstinence as the only one hundred percent effective method of preventing infection, the District also realizes that not all students will practice abstinence, and therefore should be instructed that a condom properly used does provide protection against sexual transmission of the HIV/AIDS virus. In view of these facts, and in collaboration with medical and public health authorities, the Board of Education enacted a policy in 1992 to make condoms available for senior high school students unless parents contact the school in writing denying permission.

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health will make condoms available at no cost to students who request them unless you, as the parent or guardian, withdraw permission by submitting a written letter to the school. In making condoms available, the District assumes no liability.

If you do not wish your son/daughter to be able to obtain condoms through the school's Condom Availability Program, please submit a written letter to the school nurse at any time.

Principal