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Dear Parents and Guardians,

An important goal of Greenville County Schools and Greer Middle School is to provide parents and guardians with complete information to enable you to make informed decisions regarding the sexuality education of your child. Boys and girls will be taught in separate health/physical education classes November 2 - 13 for first semester and April 6 - 17, 2010 second semester. In addition, all 7th grade students will receive a reproductive health lesson conducted at Roper Mountain Science Center on October 5 – 7, 2009.

The abstinence-based sexuality education curriculum includes anatomy, personal hygiene, pregnancy and childbirth, complications and consequences of teenage pregnancy, sexually transmitted diseases, HIV/AIDS, stress, legal aspects of human sexuality, goal-setting and decision-making, healthy relationships, friendship and dating, self-concept, and building good character.

All instructional materials used for sexuality education at the school may be previewed September 8 – 10, 2009 from 8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. in the Greer Middle School Media Center. Preview of materials used for the Roper Mountain session are on August 27 at 11:00am and 4:00pm and September 1 at 10:00am and 4:00pm at Roper Mountain Science Center at 402 Roper Mountain Road in Greenville. You may also call the Sexuality Educator at Roper Mountain at 355-8914, if you have specific questions or concerns. After previewing the materials, if you decide that they conflict with your family’s beliefs, you may exempt your student from any portion or the entire sexuality education unit.

If you **DO NOT** want your child to be taught sexuality education, sign The Release for Exemption of Student from Sexuality Education form, and deliver it in person to the school office. We are not allowed to accept the forms from students. Students exempting sexuality education will be required to complete a self-study of other health-related topics during this scheduled time.

If you have questions concerning course instruction or materials, please call Carlton Greene at 355-5818.

Sincerely yours,

Scott Rhymer, Principal

I am the parent or legal guardian of the below-named student. Participation by my child in the district’s Sexuality Education Program conflicts with my family’s beliefs. Please exempt my child from this program.

Name of Student _____ Date _____

Grade _____ Homeroom Teacher _____

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian _____

PARENTS, IF YOU **DO NOT** WANT YOUR CHILD TO TAKE SEXUALITY EDUCATION, PLEASE DELIVER THIS FORM, IN PERSON, TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE. THE SCHOOL WILL NOT ACCEPT FORMS FROM STUDENTS. THANK YOU.

Greer Middle School

**Attention: Carlton Greene
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