



# CHIPPEWA VALLEY SCHOOLS

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Dear Parents/Guardians of Fifth Grade Students:

The Chippewa Valley health curriculum for fifth grade includes a lesson on maturation and a separate lesson on HIV/AIDS. Under Public Act 15 of 1987, schools are required to teach the HIV/AIDS curriculum. The maturation lesson will be taught in the fall, and the HIV/AIDS lesson will be taught in the winter or spring. Parents are invited to view the instructional videos and instructional materials used in these lessons. Information regarding the maturation lessons is included in this letter. Information for viewing the HIV/AIDS videos and instructional materials will be sent in a separate letter later this year. All videos and materials have been approved by the Chippewa Valley Reproductive Health Advisory Board.

The maturation lesson focuses on the changes in boys and in girls that occur in adolescence due to puberty. The HIV/AIDS lesson explains how the virus is transmitted and damages the immune system, along with ways to prevent it from being spread to others.

Before each lesson is taught in your child's class, you will receive a notice from your child's school about the exact day of the lesson. You can exclude your child from either lesson.

If you would like to view the maturation video, the link can be found below:

1. You may preview the maturation video, ***Always Changing® and Growing Up—Co-Ed***, fifth grade co-ed version at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bw1N06PKhu4> [5th grade Maturation Lesson.pdf](#)
2. Links to instructional materials and videos for the HIV/AIDS lesson will be shared later this year.

Sincerely,

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