

**CONDOM AVAILABILITY PROGRAM (CAP) STUDENT NOTIFICATION LETTER – To be placed on school letterhead**

Date

Dear Student:

Welcome to your new school! As a complement to health education, we offer a **Condom Availability Program (CAP)**. This program is available to you all year through our Health Resources Room and participating can help you make responsible decisions about your sexual health.

Visits to the Health Resources Room are confidential. You do not need to give your name, only your student ID number. Here, you can receive:

1. Information about HIV/AIDS, reproductive and sexual health, and other health issues including healthy relationships
2. Free condoms
3. Information about using condoms correctly
4. Information about health services, including which clinics in the neighborhood are teen friendly and how to get tested to make sure you stay healthy

While the Health Resources Room is available to all students, your parent and/or guardian has the right to request that you do not receive condoms through this program. Later this month, we will notify your parents/guardians of what they must include in a letter to the school if they do not want you to receive condoms. Your parent/guardian can decide to “opt you out” or to re-enter you in the program at any time during the school year. This parental opt-out doesn’t apply to students who are 18 years or older, who are or have been married, who are parents, or who are entitled under law to give consent for themselves.

I encourage you to discuss the Condom Availability Program with your parent/guardian. If your parent/guardian chooses to opt you out of receiving condoms, we still encourage you to visit the Health Resource Room for information. Together, we can help stop the spread of HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases. Our school community looks forward to helping you learn to make the healthy and informed decisions you need to live long, productive lives. Please check hallway signs for Health Resource Room hours and locations.

Sincerely,

Principal