The SEEALL Academy

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Dear Parent or Guardian:

HIV and AIDS are among the most serious health problems Americans have ever faced. Advances in medicine now allow people with HIV to live long and healthy lives, but there is still no cure. Health Education plays a critical role in helping students learn to make healthy choices and to protect themselves and others. The New York State Education Department requires HIV education for students. This year, your child will have lessons from a curriculum called Growing Up and Staying Safe. The lessons are medically accurate, inclusive, and age appropriate. New York City Public Schools developed them with health experts, community leaders, parents, educators, and students.

In middle school, students learn:

- how HIV affects the immune system,
- characteristics of healthy relationships, and
- the importance of communicating with parents or caregivers.

Please also review the included grade level overview(s) to learn more about the lessons.

You have the right to excuse your child from certain lessons that teach about methods of HIV prevention. If you would like your child to be excused, you must email 20K180@schools.nyc.gov asap and include your child's name and class and state:

- Your child should not be in the classroom during lessons about methods of HIV prevention; and
- You will teach your child about HIV prevention at home.

Parents, guardians, and schools share a common goal: we want students of all ages to be healthy in all aspects of their lives. We respect your role as parents/guardians in teaching your child about healthy behaviors that support your family's beliefs and values. We encourage you to discuss with your child what they are learning in health class, and to speak to your child's teacher, parent coordinator, to learn more about the curriculum. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Ferguson at 718-851-8070.

Sincerely,

Angelo J. Sacco
Principal

School Vision Statement

At The SEEALL Academy, we believe all children come first and can succeed. Teaching and learning are grounded in a standards-based curriculum that combines creative instruction with the social emotional supports necessary to ensure high expectations for all students.