SPRINGFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS - SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

Access to Reproductive Health Resources Opt-Out
This form is only for parents/guardians of students aged 12 or older.

Dear Springfield Public Schools Parent/Guardian:

As you may know, Springfield has historically had some of the highest rates of STIs (sexually transmitted infections) and teen births in Massachusetts. Springfield Public Schools and the community are working together to provide education and resources to address these issues. In alignment with the goals of the Springfield Adolescent Sexual Health Advisory (SASHA), Springfield Public Schools has adopted a reproductive health program for middle and high school students aged twelve (12) and older. The policy focuses on primary prevention by counseling students on abstinence, sexual intercourse, STIs/HIV, pregnancy, and the storage and use of condoms. Following counseling by the school nurse and upon a student's request, the school nurse will provide the student with condoms and information supplied free of charge by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. Parents/guardians play a vital role in discussing reproductive and sexual health and sharing personal experiences with their children. For this reason, you have the right to choose whether your child participates in the condom distribution program or opts out.

If you choose to opt out of this program, please complete the section below and return it to your child's school nurse or the school office by the third Friday in September.

Please print:

Student's Full Name: _____

School: _____ Current Grade: _____

I confirm that I have read and understood the above information and have chosen to opt out of the condom distribution program for my child.

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____