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THE LEON M. GOLDSTEIN HIGH SCHOOL FOR THE SCIENCES
at KINGSBOROUGH
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"Academic Excellence in a Caring Community"

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Principal

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Dear Parent and Guardians:

As part of the HIV/AIDS Educational Program for high school students, grades 9-12, the Department of Education approved a condom availability component with the right of parents to opt out their child or children from receiving condoms in school. It must be noted that this option does not apply to students who are 18 years or older, who are or who have been married, who are parents, or who are entitled under law to give consent for themselves.

The program of condom availability for high school students provides parents with the opportunity to discuss these issues with their children and help them in making these important decisions. The most responsible decision a young person can make in this regard is to abstain from any high risk behaviors, including sexual intercourse and substance use. We are committed to ensuring confidentiality to all students, including those who are excluded from participation in this program. All high schools know this policy and have been instructed as to the necessity to maintain the confidentiality of students.

If at any time during the school year, you wish to exclude your daughter/son from the condom availability component of the program, please complete the form below and forward it to the Principal in an envelope marked "CONFIDENTIAL." If at any time you wish your daughter/son to re-enter the condom availability component of the program, please send a letter stating this to the Principal.

Sincerely,

Joseph F. Zaza
Principal

Sign and return only if you **DO NOT** want your daughter/son to participate in the Condom Availability component of the HIV/AIDS Education Program. It must be noted that this option shall not apply to students who are 18 years or older, who are or who have been married, who are parents, or who are entitled by law to give consent for themselves. If you have more than one child enrolled in the school, please complete a separate form for each child.

Date: _____ Student's Name: _____
Please Print

Official Class _____ Grade: 9 10 11 12

My child ***IS NOT*** to participate in the condom availability component of the program.

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ __ _____
Please Print Signature

If your daughter/son is not to participate, please return this form at the Freshmen Orientation on May 26th.