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Dear Parent/Guardian,

A maturation program is offered each year to 7th, 8th, and 9th grade students. This program is a small part of your child's curriculum based education, and includes topics about human growth and development as outlined and approved by the Utah State Office of Education, and the Maria Montessori Board of Directors. Our hope is that the offered presentations will be a springboard for you to continue the conversation at home.

-The program offered to our 7th grade students is entitled *Healthy Relationships*. The use of an interactive curriculum helps students develop knowledge, skills, and behaviors that protect their health and build healthy relationships among their peers.

-The program offered to our 8th grade students is focused on *Sexually Transmitted Infections*, with the aim that students understand the impacts of making wise choices and feel empowered to protect their personal bodies. "Be smart, Be safe, Be you".

-The program offered to our 9th grade students is focused on *Sexual Consent*, with the aim that students understand to protect themselves and others. They will be discussing community resources, clear communication, abstaining from drug/alcohol use, and being with people you trust.

The Jr. High Maturation Presentations will take place on **Tuesday, April 11th in the Library :**

7th Grade- 9:00-10:30 am Healthy Relationships and Consent

8th Grade- 10:45-12:15 pm Sexually Transmitted Infections

9th Grade- 1:00-2:30 pm Comprehensive Protection Methods

Parents are invited to attend the maturation program with their child. Please review, sign, and return the attached form to the main office **no later than Wednesday, March 29th**.

Sincerely,
Stephanie Speicher
Director, Maria Montessori Academy