## Health Promotion Board eTeens for Secondary Schools

## Dear Sir/ Madam

- 1. The Health Promotion Board (HPB), in collaboration with the Ministry of Health (MOH) and the Ministry of Education (MOE), conducts a programme titled Empowered Teens (eTeens) to educate Secondary 3 students about preventing STIs (Sexually Transmitted Infections)/HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus). The programme provides information on the transmission and prevention of STIs/HIV and guides students to make responsible decisions to avoid risky sexual behaviors.
- 2. The following topics are taught:
  - Infectious diseases (STIs and HIV): what it is, how it spreads, how to prevent infection mainly through ABC (Abstinence, Being faithful, Correct and Consistent condom use)
  - b) Managing relationships and risky situations in a healthy way
- 3. The programme includes a 50-minute mass talk and a 1-hour classroom-based lesson:
  - a) The talk includes a multi-media presentation using a video and presentation to convey key learning points. The video depicts how teenagers weigh considerations in different scenarios and eventually make responsible decisions. Presenters are engaged by the HPB and follow a presentation guide approved by MOE.
  - b) The classroom-based lesson by an MOE Sexuality Education trained teacher reinforces skills of responsible decision-making, negotiation and assertiveness, based on the values which students have been brought up with, in the family and the community. The training for teachers who conduct the classroom-based lesson is provided by MOE.
- 4. Additional information is available on the MOE website: <a href="https://go.gov.sg/moesexuality-education">https://go.gov.sg/moesexuality-education</a>
- 5. If you <u>do not</u> wish your child/ward to attend this programme, please complete the opt-out form on page 2 of this document. For further clarifications about this programme, please email us at <a href="https://px.ncbi.nlm.ncbi

Yours Sincerely

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