Health Promotion Board eTeens for Junior Colleges and Millennia Institute (JCs/MI)

Dear Parent/Guardian,

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 all Junior College/Millennia Institute (JC/MI) Year 1/IP Year 5 students about preventing STI (Sexually Transmitted Infections)/HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus). The programme provides information on transmission and prevention of STIs/HIV and helps guide students to make good life choices to avoid risky sexual behaviors.

- 2. The following topics are taught:
 - Sexually transmitted 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), consequences and impact
 - b) Skills for decision-making, assertiveness, negotiation to say 'no' to peer pressure
 - c) Managing relationships and risky situations in a healthy way.
- 3. The programme includes a presentation on different scenarios involving teenagers and responsible decision-making to respect the boundaries of self and others.
- 4. Additional information is available on the MOE website https://go.gov.sg/moe-sexuality-education
- 5. If you do not 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 <u>Eileen Chee@hpb.gov.sg</u> and <u>Shaheerah Kamas@hpb.gov.sg</u>

Yours Sincerely,

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ANNEX B

eTeens Opt-out Form

Please complete this section if you DO NOT wish your child/ward to attend the eTeens Programme and return it to the school.

| I, (name) _ | , do not wish my son/daughter/ward*, (name) |
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| of class | , to attend the eTeens STIs/HIV Prevention Programme conducted by the Health |
| Promotion Board. | |
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| My reason(s) for opting out: | |
| | My child is too young |
| | I would like to personally educate my child |
| | I am not comfortable with the topics/content to be covered |
| | Religious reasons |
| | I have previously taught my child the topics/content to be covered |
| | I do not think it is necessary for my child to attend |
| | Others (please state): |
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| Signatu | re of Parent/Guardian Date |