

Date:

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Your child is currently enrolled in a course or program of studies that *[circle one]*:

- a) includes subject matter that deals primarily and explicitly with  
*[specify religion, human sexuality or sexual orientation]*; or
- b) uses an instructional material or exercise that includes subject matter that deals primarily and explicitly with  
*[specify religion, human sexuality or sexual orientation]*.

The subject matter is contained in the following areas:

*[identify the theme/outcome of the course or program of studies, the exercise or the instructional material that contains the subject matter]*

The purpose for the inclusion of this subject matter in the course or program of studies is:

*[identify the learning outcome associated with the identified subject matter]*.

Instruction involving the subject matter will be provided on  
*[specify date and time]*.

Pursuant to section 58.1 of the *Alberta Education Act*, you as a parent/guardian may request that your child be excluded from the above-identified instruction, without academic penalty, by having your child either:

- a) leave the classroom or place where the instruction is taking place or where the instructional material is being used for the duration of that part of the instruction; or
- b) remain in the classroom or place where the instruction is taking place without taking part in the instruction or use of instructional material.

**In order to exercise this option, you must sign and return the attached exemption form to *[specify individual]* on or before the date of the instruction indicated above. If this form is not returned before that date, your child will be included in the instruction above.**

If you would like additional information about the content of this notification, please contact:

*[specify individual]*

*[identify Principal/Teacher and school board]*

**STUDENT EXEMPTION UNDER SECTION 58.1 OF THE *ALBERTA EDUCATION ACT***

TO: Principal/Teacher of *[identify school]*, of  
Pembina Hills School Division.

In response to the notice provided to me by the Board of Trustees of Pembina Hills School Division dated *[date of notice]* indicating that a course or program of studies in which my child is enrolled, or an instructional material or exercise used in a course or program of studies in which my child is enrolled, includes subject matter that deals primarily and explicitly with *[specify religion, human sexuality or sexual orientation]*,

I, *[name of parent/legal guardian]*,  
in accordance with section 58.1 of the *Alberta Education Act*, hereby request that my child, *[name of child]* be excluded from the instruction, exercise or the use of instructional material identified in the notice.

I request that my child: *(check relevant box)*

- A. Leave the classroom or place where the instruction is taking place or where the instructional material is being used for the duration of that part of the instruction.  
OR
- B. Remain in the classroom or place where the instruction is taking place without taking part in the instruction or use of instructional material.

I confirm that I am the legal guardian of *[name of child]* and have chosen to exercise my option to have my child excluded from the instruction described in the notice from School *[name of school]* on the dates indicated in the notice. I also confirm that it is my obligation to ensure that this form is returned to the school principal/teacher on or before the date of the instruction indicated in the notice.

The child to whom this exemption notice applies is: [name of child]

Grade:

Parent/Legal Guardian signature:

Date:

Student signature (if 18 years or older):

Date:

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If you are in agreement with your child's participation, please sign on the line below to verify that you have received this notice.

Parent/Legal Guardian signature:

Date: