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Dear Parents

The biomanufacturing classes learn about the manufacture and regulations of items related to healthcare. On occasion, the biomanufacturing classes will discuss stem cells, cloning, reproductive systems (related to prescription medicines or over the counter products and may include hormone therapies, birth control or testosterone patches, *in-vitro* fertilization, etc.), health care reform, public policy and other similar issues relevant to biomanufacturing that may be sensitive for some individuals. Included in the discussion will be the science behind the particular topic, and the relative pros and cons. Students will be encouraged to understand there are ethical, legal and social implications of these topics, and that differing personal viewpoints exist. Students are expected to respect the opinions of others, even when those opinions differ from their own, and participate in discussions with civility.

We would like to conduct these discussions with the intent of helping students become aware of the scientific background and social implications of the issues, but we will not be endorsing or discouraging any particular personal viewpoint. The only exception to this is that we will discourage students from misusing or abusing drugs. We would like to respect any personal views held by you or your family, so we are asking for your preference regarding your students' participation in these discussions. Please indicate your preference and return this note to me. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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_____ I give permission for my student to participate in the discussions listed above.

_____ I prefer my student NOT participate in these discussions and ask that my student be allowed to work in another room during the discussions.

Student signature _____ date _____

Parent Signature _____ date _____