December 19, 2018

Dear Meehan Middle School Families:

This letter is to inform you of something that took place yesterday after school, outside a pizza shop, near Meehan Middle School. AHF Speak Out was providing health services, including HIV testing, to young people, including some Meehan students.

This was not approved by the School District of Philadelphia and did not take place on our school property. It was approved by the Philadelphia Department of Health. Normally, when our students are being targeted for health services the District is communicated with directly before the event, but that did not happen in this case. It is our understanding that the Department of Health intended to target high school students as they were providing these services.

On many issues we have a strong partnership with the Department of Health. In general, it is helpful to provide optional health services. However, District staff are communicating with the Department of Health’s staff to get a clear understanding of what happened in this case and to help ensure that everyone is better informed about activities that might affect our students.

If you have questions about the event and the associated tests, please contact the Health Department at [Caitlin.Conyngham@Phila.gov](https://mymail.phila.gov/owa/redir.aspx?C=yektYhqoW6gx_5r5XQWzRvZ0QcIxrMQ69xHdnZDVms7nxyb6bWPVCA..&URL=mailto%3aCaitlin.Conyngham%40Phila.gov) to set up a time to speak on the phone.

Thank you for your continued support of the students at Meehan.

Sincerely,

Principal