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Dear Parent of Junior High and Senior Student,

Decades of research show that when parents are “involved” in their child’s education they have the following outcomes:

- Higher grades, test scores and graduation rates
- Better school attendance
- Increased motivation
- Better self-esteem
- Lower rates of suspension
- Decreased use of drugs and alcohol
- Fewer instances of violent behavior

Parental involvement in the area of abstinence education is vital as well. In fact polls show that parents want abstinence education to be taught to their children yet the topic of sexual abstinence is often hard to broach. At the end of each chapter of our *Quest* health curriculum there is a “**Talking it Over**” *Parent Page*. We are strongly encouraging students to take this home and complete it with you to earn “extra credit.” Once this page is completed please sign their book so we can reward their efforts. In addition, “**Supplemental Parent Pages**” are available to assist you in covering a variety of different topics that may arise.

Our earnest desire is to assist you in communicating with your child. You can find these two resources on the front side panel at:

<http://www.unitychristian.com>

It is a privilege and joy to educate your child about the importance of making good decisions, including the rewards of abstinence until marriage!

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me.

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