(Date)

Dear Parent/Guardian,

This letter is to inform you that your child has been selected as a member of the Regional Alliance for Healthy Schools (RAHS) Youth Advisory Council (YAC). Your child is fulfilling a vital role in the development of our school based health care centers. Not only do they have the power to make changes in how we serve students everyday, but their leadership in the council can also have an impact on our health clinic and the policies that follow. As a YAC member, your child is not only a participant, but also an advocate, an advisor, and one who can reach out to other peers to support their health.

Each year, YAC chooses one or two critical issues to address and creates service learning projects to educate the students in their school about that issue. In addition, we participate in team building activities and develop leadership skills. In order to be selected for this group, each student submitted an application, obtained letters of recommendation from two adults, and successfully completed an interview with RAHS staff and YAC peers. YAC participants will meet weekly after school and will participate in leadership and service learning field trips over the course of the year.

Also enclosed in this letter is a permission slip for these field trips, as well as a flyer regarding our first leadership training activity scheduled for the end of the summer. If you have not done so already, please sign and return this permission slip to the RAHS staff.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

We look forward to working with your child throughout the coming school year!

Sincerely,