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Yesterday, at Valley View Middle School, the El Paso Department of Public Health conducted the first of six components of a sex health education class for seventh and eighth graders that offers abstinence-based, factual information for middle school students. This program is approved by the District's School Health Advisory Council (SHAC). Student permission slips were distributed to students the last week of school before winter break. There was a decision at the campus level to allow the introductory presentation to be made to all students. The follow-up components will only be given to those students who turned in their permission slips.

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