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Presentation to Teachers for October, AIDS in Africa Awareness Month!

Hi! AAPS high school students are involved in a program called the Youth Empowerment West Africa Exchange Project, which is co-sponsored here at school by the Student Senate. During October we hope you will help us tell students about today's realities of AIDS in West Africa.

Last year, Pfizer provided funding to a non-governmental organization (NGO) in Burkina Faso, West Africa to conduct AIDS education in 30 villages for two years. We were asked to communicate with them to encourage youth-to-youth peer education in their AIDS prevention efforts. After one year, while facing difficult challenges, strong youth leadership emerged in these programs in a number of villages and provinces. This puts the NGO and its programs in the forefront of other AIDS education efforts in Africa.

This year we want to expand our program throughout local high schools, making it easy for anyone to go online to learn, participate and encourage their peers in Burkina Faso. In addition, we want to seek support from our peers in Ann Arbor to help us purchase video camera, laptop, and electrical generator equipment for the NGO to help the youth conduct AIDS education among their peers throughout the 30 villages and to communicate with us. Most of their villages do not have electricity so this equipment will help them reach more people in more villages.

The month of October is **AIDS in Africa Awareness Month**. We need your help to inform and gather support from our peers. There are several things you can do:

- E-mail if you want us to come to your class to do a 20 minute presentation during October. The number of classes we can do this for will be limited but there will be additional information online.
- Encourage students to go to our website (see below) and to learn and contribute to the discussion forum.
- Utilize the resources on the Africa Exchange page on our website as you deem useful to your classroom or extra assignments. (NOTE: please email us that you have done so, for our funding documentation).
- Encourage adults and students to participate in the AIDS in Africa Awareness Month Fund Drive and if you are willing, on Wednesdays collect contributions in your classes and turn them in to Grade Secretaries.
- Stay tuned for announcements with more information!

Thank you for your time and effort to help fight AIDS in Africa! For more information, see our website:
www.youthempowerment.com/africa.htm

You can email your request for a presentation to: Africamonth@youthempowerment.com