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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Lotus School for Excellence is writing to you today to inform you of a concerning game that teens across America are engaging in. This game is called "The Eraser Game" or "The ABC Game". To date, Lotus School for Excellence has had a few middle school students who have engaged in this very unsafe activity that can cause skin irritation, scarring, and infection.

The students have explained the game in this way: The objective of this game is to see who can create the largest wound by rubbing an eraser back and forth typically somewhere on the hand or between the wrist and elbow. While they erase back and forth they are reciting the alphabet and coming up with a word for each letter. When they get to Z the students then compare their wounds.

It appears to be the result of peer pressure and to enhance their standing or appearance within their friend groups. We are currently addressing these students individually as needed to make sure they are safe and educated on the health concerns. But we ask that you as a guardian address this concern with your child at home as well. Please take the time to see if your child is involved in this game or these behaviors and speak with them about your concerns. If you need additional resources please contact the school counselor, Ms. Strobel, to help get the care they need.

Please review the links below for more information.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xboo8fCkXE8>

Thank you,

Lotus School for Excellence Administration Team