



BELLEVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

The State Department of Education mandates that all New Jersey public schools must include Health and Family Life Education curriculum instruction aligned to the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards. Our program has been specifically designed to provide materials suited for each grade level K-12. The curriculum is presented in a manner intended to foster respect for the human body and an understanding of how human sexuality affects both personal as well as family relationships.

A summary sheet outlining the scope and sequence is attached for your review. The Belleville Board of Education encourages all parents to become familiar with these documents and to continue to participate in their development. Copies of the entire curriculum are available in each building principal's office as well as in the board office located at 102 Passaic Avenue, for your viewing convenience.

Any pupil, whose parent or guardian presents to the school principal a signed statement that any or part of the instruction in family life education is in conflict with his or her conscience, or sincerely beheld moral/ religious belief shall be excused from that portion of the course where such instruction is being given and no penalties as to credit or graduation shall result therefrom.

Should you have any questions concerning this communication or the Health/Family Life Education program, please feel free to contact the Curriculum Office at 973-450-3500 x1060. I am looking forward to working with you and your child(ren) in various curriculum areas throughout the year.

Sincerely,

Richard D. Tomko, Ph.D., M.J.