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District Supervisor

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Dear Parents/Caregivers:

This letter is intended as a brief update on the teaching of Comprehensive Health and Physical Education, including Family Life, in the Montclair Schools. It touches on two topics:

- a student's right to be excused from portions of the program
- revision of the Comprehensive Health and Physical Education curriculum

Exclusion from Portions of the Family Life Program

Parents and/or caregivers who, for reasons of conscience or religious beliefs, object to any portion of the program may have their children excused from that portion of the program.

Attached you will find the Comprehensive Health Education Exclusion Form. Please forward this form to the principal as needed.

State law and board policy allow for such exclusion without penalty to course credit or graduation. A student who is excused from a unit of the program will be provided other work or activity in as non-intrusive a manner as possible. Please reach out to your child's school if you have specific questions or concerns.

Curriculum Revision

Newly revised curriculum will be written by a curriculum revision team including teachers for adoption by the Board of Education. Our new curriculum will be aligned to the recently revised 2014 NJ Core Curriculum Content Standards for Comprehensive Health and Physical Education.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Davida Harewood". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "D".

Davida Harewood
District Supervisor