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Northville Board of Education schedules public hearings for proposed additions to Health Curriculum Resources

The Northville Public Schools Board of Education will host two public hearings for school parents and community members to comment on proposed additions to the instructional materials used for students in the self-contained special education classrooms. The buildings that could potentially use these resources include: Northville High School, Hillside Middle School, Cooke School, Moraine Elementary School and Thornton Creek Elementary School. The proposed materials are the following:

- **FLASH curriculum binders for Special Education**
 - **Just Around the Corner for Girls video***
 - **Just Around the Corner for Boys video***
 - **Let's Just Talk for Girls video***
 - **Let's Just Talk for Boys video***
 - **AIDS Facts for Kids video***

***denotes used in general education classroom at Northville Schools**

FLASH Curriculum

The lessons within the FLASH curriculum support students to learn about the following content and material:

- Reflect on Abstinence Only
- Communicate with their families about sexual health
- Make decisions that minimize risk to their sexual health
- Seek medical care in order to take care of their reproductive health

FLASH is based on the Theory of Planned Behavior. Lessons include a variety of strategies designed to create positive attitudes, beliefs and norms, and to build skills in order to reduce rates of pregnancy, STDs and sexual violence. FLASH includes a strong family-involvement component to further increase protective factors that support students in remaining abstinent, using birth control and condoms, and respecting others' decisions not to have sex. FLASH supports and respects diverse community values through its inclusive design, its use of the Values Question Protocol, and through the design of the Family Homework, which encourages discussion about values. FLASH also supports healthy lifestyles and decision-making, self-esteem, self-awareness, boundaries and communication. All of the content is designed at a level that is meaningful for the diverse needs of our special populations.

Families will have the ability to opt in or out of health and sexual education curriculum instruction. In addition, there will be an annual parent preview/informational session to help families understand the content and the level of instruction.

All videos were chosen from previously Board Adopted Materials which are currently in practice.

Public Hearing

The proposed materials have been reviewed and approved by the district's 17-member Health Advisory Board, comprised of parents of children attending Northville Public Schools, as well as district educators, a high school student, local clergy, and community health professionals, as required by law. These materials were also reviewed by the District's Curriculum Council who supported the content and lessons.

The next step in the curriculum review process is to offer parents and community members the opportunity to review and comment on the proposed materials, prior to Board of Education consideration, during the preview opportunities and public hearings noted below. If approved by the Board, the new materials would be implemented for the 2020-21 school year.

Tuesday, January 12, 2021

**5:00 p.m., with a materials overview opportunity from 4:30-5:00 p.m.
via Zoom**

and

Tuesday, January 26, 2021

(During regular Board of Education meeting)

**6:30 p.m., with a materials overview opportunity from 5:30-6:00 p.m.
via Zoom**

To register for one of the materials overview opportunities, please contact Ms. Alaina Volante at Volanteal@northvilleschools.org.

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Notice of Meeting

The Northville Board of Education

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF PUBLIC HEARING OPPORTUNITIES
PROPOSED REVISION IN THE MATERIALS OR METHODS USED IN
INSTRUCTION UNDER SECTION 380.1169 and 380.1507**

(Self-Contained Classroom Health Materials)

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Public Hearing Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Introductions
3. Legal Authority for the Public Hearing
4. Purpose of the Public Hearing
5. Advisory Board Process and Recommendations
6. Process for Conducting the Public Hearing
7. Public Comment (*bulk of meeting*)
8. Closing Comments
9. Adjourn

Note: Citizens are asked to complete a comment card to be called on to speak, and are encouraged to provide written comment, together with their verbal comment, for the purpose of accurately recording comments.