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Dear Parent or Guardian,

We are reaching out to announce the revision of the New Jersey Comprehensive Health and Physical Education standards, as required by the NJ Department of Education. We value the importance of partnering with families as we educate students in the knowledge and skills they need in order to lead a healthy, active life.

Parents/Guardians do have the option of excluding their child from any portion of sexuality/family life education instruction if it is in conflict with their moral or religiously held beliefs. Based on community feedback, we've identified the standards of potential concern and listed them below. Instruction of these standards will take place in June with our 2nd graders.

These are the following standards to be covered in grade 2.

- 2.1.2.PDG.4: Use correct terminology to identify body parts and explain how body parts work together to support wellness.
- 2.1.2.PDG.5: List medically accurate names for body parts including the genitals.
- 2.1.2.PP.1: Define reproduction.

We will be utilizing The Great Body Shop resources to teach the Health Curriculum. Information and videos about these materials can be found at:

<https://www.thegreatbodyshop.net/curriculum/k-six/video>
The K-6 Program Guide
<https://www.thegreatbodyshop.net/curriculum/k-six/topics>

Any child whose parent or guardian wishes to opt their child out of the above standards and/or other family life education/sex education shall be excused from that portion of the course by completing the opt out form by September 30, 2022. Your child will be removed from lessons covering the identified opt out content.

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If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me. The curriculum will be housed on our district's curriculum web page.

<https://middleschoolpublicschools.org/district/curriculum/>

In addition to the link below, you will also be able to find the form on our curriculum page as well. Thank you for your cooperation and support.

<https://forms.gle/KtFpPwWjgr5gBEwC9>.

Sincerely,

Christian J. Paskalides

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*There is always one moment in childhood
When the door opens and lets the future in.*

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