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Dear Parent or Guardian:

The following is a copy of a document entitled **Human Sexuality Education Curriculum Policy of Cape Cod Regional Technical High School District**. This document needs to be read carefully by all parents. Simply put, a parent has the right to request the school to provide a display for your inspection and study of the varied resources used by a teacher in a course that may address human sexuality. For Cape Cod Tech this means, in a practical sense, three health courses entitled, **Survey of Health** for freshmen, **Contemporary Health I** for juniors and **Contemporary Health II** for seniors. There are course instructional objectives dealing with sexually transmitted diseases including HIV and AIDS, another on reproduction, pregnancy, contraception and abstinence, and finally male and female anatomy. All together these topics comprise about 20% of the 9th and 11th grade course. In the Contemporary Health II for seniors, there are no formal activities on human sexuality. Students in our Health Tech and Dental Assistant shops, by the very nature of training and needs of the trade, do receive specific instruction in human sexuality education.

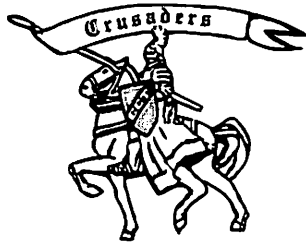
In the past there have been legitimate parental concerns. Each and every time parent and teacher have resolved the problem. Students may be excused from that portion of the lesson and assigned an equally valuable topic. The exempted student still works with the teacher, conferences are set up, and the work is completed in the library. The student is graded and returns to class after the topic of concern has been covered.

Please call me with any concerns or questions you may have.

Sincerely,

William P. Terranova

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HUMAN SEXUALITY EDUCATION CURRICULUM POLICY OF CAPE COD REGIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

I. Purpose of Policy

The purpose of this policy is to implement Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 71, Section 32A, which requires every school district that implements or maintains curriculum that primarily involves human sexual education or human sexuality issues to adopt a policy ensuring parental/guardian notification.

II Parental/Guardian Notification

The school principal shall give parents and guardians of students effective notice, not less than once a year, of all courses offered in which the curriculum primarily involves human sexual education or human sexuality issues. Effective notice means a notice that is reasonably likely to inform parents and guardians, including those with disabilities and those whose primary or home language is not English, of their rights.

III. Inspection of Instructional Materials

To the extent practicable, all instructional material, including teacher's manuals, films, tapes, or other supplementary material, for curriculum that primarily involves human sexual education or human sexuality issues shall be available for inspection by parents, guardians, educators, school administrators and others.

IV. Exemption from Curriculum

The parent or guardian of any student may exempt the student from any portion of a course in which the curriculum primarily involves human sexual education or human sexuality issues by written notice to the school principal (using a form approved by the principal.) No student who is so exempted may be penalized because of the exemption but may be required to leave and return to class at a time and in a manner that is least disruptive to the education of other students.

V. Adult Students

If a student is an adult, the student may exercise all the rights afforded to parents and guardians under this policy.

VI. Local Process for Dispute Resolution

A parent or guardian who is dissatisfied with a decision of the principal concerning notice, access to instructional materials, or exemption for the student under this policy may send a written request to the superintendent/director for review of the issue. The superintendent/director or his or her designee will review the issue and give the parent or guardian a timely written decision preferably within two weeks of the request. A parent or guardian who is dissatisfied with the superintendent/director's decision may send a written request to the School Committee for review of the issue. The School Committee will review the issue and give the parent or guardian a timely written decision, preferably within four weeks of the request. A parent or guardian who is still dissatisfied after this process may send a written request to the Commissioner of Education for review of this issue in dispute.