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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Attached is a copy of our Family Life Education curriculum for your child's grade level as required by the New Jersey State Board of Education.

The New Jersey Administrative code defines family life education as:

"Instruction to develop an understanding of the physical, mental, emotional, social, economic, and psychological aspects of interpersonal relationships; the psychological and cultural foundations of human development, sexuality, and reproduction, at various stages of growth; the opportunity for pupils to acquire knowledge which will support the development of responsible personal behavior, strengthen their own family life now, and aid in establishing strong family life for themselves in the future thereby contributing to the enrichment of the community."

The law further specifies:

"The local board of education shall establish procedures whereby any pupil whose parents or guardian presents to the school principal a signed statement that any part of the instruction in family life education is in conflict with his/her conscience, or sincerely held moral or religious beliefs, 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 there from (N.J.S.A.. 18A:35-4.6 et. seq.)"
(NJAC 6:29-7-1 (i))

The code further states that curriculum materials shall be made available to parents for review:

"The parents and guardians of pupils enrolled in the district shall receive annually an outline of the curriculum and a list of instructional materials for the grade of their child including notification about how to receive a copy of the curriculum. The district shall make available for review in each school a complete curriculum and all instructional materials prior to use in the classroom. Upon the request of parents and guardians, the material shall be made available for their review."
(NJAC 6:29-7.1 (b-1))

Sincerely,

Bonnie J. Edwards
Superintendent of Schools

PLEASE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT YOU HAVE RECEIVED THE OUTLINE OF FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION FOR YOUR CHILD THIS YEAR BY SIGNING THE BACK OF YOUR CHILD'S RESPONSIBILITY SLIP.