5th Grade Family Life Recommendations

Mt. Diablo Unified September 12, 2018

Background

- Prior content did not comply with CA Ed Code (CA Healthy Youth Act) or 2008
 CA Health Standards
- Inaccurate/biased information
- Increased access to information
- Outdated materials
- Marginalized segments of the student population

School Year 2017-18

- Fall 2017- Family Life information included in Parent Information Packet
- Fall 2017- Letters sent out informing parents/guardian of change
- October 2017- Materials available for viewing at Willow Creek
- Fall Winter 2018- Information shared with principals & teachers
- January 2018- Materials available for viewing

- January 2018 5th grade teachers attended 2 day training
- February 2018- Parent/ guardian letters sent
- March 2018- District information night
- Spring 2018- School site presentations for parents/guardians
- April 2018- Presentation to Board
- July 9 & 16, 2018- Steering Committee Mtgs.

Steering Committee Meeting

July 9 & 16, 2018

Parents/family members, teachers and principals

16 members on the committee (2
 District Office Staff, 4 Principals, 5

 Teachers, and 5 Parents/Family/
 Community Members)

 Steering Committee members reviewed and ranked the 5th Grade Family Life Standards, reviewed state law, and analyzed the current set of lessons being used in classrooms

Recommendations

Starting the 2018-19 School Year

Overarching Recommendations

- All sites should schedule parent/family night to review materials
- Teachers and parents need access to same version of lessons
- Single opt out only for lessons covered by Education Code 51931(b)- human development and sexuality, including education on pregnancy, contraception, and sexually transmitted infections.
- Training be provided for teachers
 (including PE teachers), principals, and
 support staff

Lesson Recommendations

- Lessons on friendships, bullying and how to be clear with your friends should be taught at beginning of year
- 4 videos included in lessons should be replaced with ones from CCCOE Ed1Stop "Brainpop" website.
- Information on feminine hygiene products should be included in lesson
- Lesson 8 focusing on HIV be moved to middle school level
- Lesson 10 focusing on difference between gender identity, gender expression, and gender orientation be moved to middle school level *

Next Steps

- Communication to all 5th grade teachers and principals on revisions
- Communication out to families on dates to review materials
- Revisions to materials (i.e. replacing video choices, removal of lessons from binder)
- Copy and deliver new materials to sites
- Post new materials on website
- Train new 5th grade teachers on materials