Dear Parent:

The Hazel Park Board of Education has approved the following curriculum and materials to be presented throughout the year for Self Contained CI and Self Contained ASD (grades 6-8):

1) The CIRCLES Level 1 curriculum is aimed at helping students understand safe and healthy social distance within relationships. The CIRCLES program approved for special needs students presents safe and appropriate social distance through the use of six color coded concentric circles displayed on a wall graph and on personal student graphs. A black and white copy of the CIRCLES graph has been included for your information. The CIRCLES curriculum will present personal body safety information to students in a very concrete manner, reviewing concepts as often as needed. Instruction in the CIRCLES curriculum will be presented by Ms. Kristin Lambert and Ms. Brittany Bootka throughout the course of the year.

2) Marsh Media curriculum materials that present puberty education and personal body safety (sexual abuse and sexual harassment prevention) to students with special needs. The Marsh Media curriculum materials include information on puberty (body changes), hygiene, nutrition, health and personal body safety. Instruction for the Marsh Media curriculum materials, for both the CI and ASD classrooms, will be presented by Ms. Kristin Lambert. Materials will be presented in an age appropriate manner designed to meet the developmental needs of each student.

The above CIRCLES and Marsh Media material is designed to help special needs students build upon knowledge they may have received through additional approved curriculum at the elementary and junior high level. All of the materials have been recommended by the Hazel Park Reproductive Health Education Advisory Board and approved by the Hazel Park Board of Education. If you as a parent or guardian are interested in being apart of the Advisory Board, please contact Mrs. Yvonne Emlet at Webster (248) 658-5529.

According to State and District guidelines for Human Reproductive Health and Personal Body Safety, you as a parent or guardian have the right to:

1) Be informed of the content of instruction (included above in parent letter)
2) Preview the materials to be used in your child’s class. If you wish to preview any of the approved materials please contact Ms. Kristin Lambert or Ms Brittany Bootka at (248) 658-2300 or Mrs. Yvonne Emlet at (248) 658-5529 to make arrangements. We look forward to helping you become familiar with the material that will be presented to your son or daughter.
3) Observe the instruction in your child’s classroom. Arrangements for observing the Marsh Media lessons in the classroom need to be made in advance with the classroom teacher.
4) “Opt” or excuse your child out of instruction. If you choose to have your child “Opted Out” of instruction, without penalty, please contact your child’s teacher or Mrs. Yvonne Emlet at the phone number listed above. It is important to note that once you “Opt” your child out of curriculum designed for special needs students, they will remain “Opted Out” each year until you notify the school that you would like them “Opted In”

Sincerely,

Amy Krupp, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

Mrs. Yvonne Emlet
Human Reproductive Health Coordinator

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