Dear Parent:

The Hazel Park Board of Education has approved the following curriculum and materials to be presented throughout the year for students in Self Contained CI (Grades K-1):

1) CIRCLES: The sections of the CIRCLES program approved for special needs elementary students presents safe and appropriate social distance for trust, talk and touch, 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 your child's classroom teacher throughout the course of the year.

2) Talking About Touching: A Personal Safety Curriculum. The curriculum is produced by Committee for Children and presents personal safety skills including safe and unsafe touches. Safe and unsafe touches are presented within the context of other safety rules, instructing children that inappropriate touches are never their fault and to • Say words that mean “No”, • Get away and • Tell a grown-up. The lessons will be presented during the school day. Instruction will be provided by Mrs. Emlet, Human Reproductive Health Coordinator and the classroom teacher.

Each of the approved curriculum materials listed above are designed to provide special needs students with information about personal body safety and growing up that is both clear and developmentally appropriate. All of the materials have been reviewed and approved by the Hazel Park Reproductive Health Education Advisory Board, as well as a second public hearing. 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) View the materials to be used in your child's class. If you wish to view any of the approved materials please contact Ms. Rachel Martinez at Webb Elementary (248) 658-5900 or Mrs. Yvonne Emlet at Webster Elementary School (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) "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 the 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 Kruppe, Ed. D.
Superintendent of Schools

Mrs. Yvonne Emlet
Human Reproductive Health Coordinator

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