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Curriculum (FCS)

RE: Approval of AHE/Family and Consumer Science

Dear EPLC Members,

The Adolescent Health Education (AHE) curricular updates for sixth grade are a result of the district reconfiguration plan for the 2020-21 school year. Currently, the sixth grade Abstinence Based Adolescent Health Education is delivered via break out sessions. With the proposed reconfiguration curricular changes, all sixth graders will be enrolled in the Life Skills 6 course, where the Adolescent Health Education curriculum for sixth graders will be taught.

The upgrades to the current Adolescent Health Education curriculum include videos for sixth, seventh, and eighth grade to better represent students in 2020; to be cognizant of gender identity, updated terminology (STI v STD) and based on student and community feedback. Information on pregnancy and childbirth will be moved into the seventh grade Adolescent Health Education curriculum; information on cyber bullying and staying safe online will now be delivered in the Innovation and Design 6 course. In an effort to best meet the social, emotional needs of all students the males and females will be kept in the Life Skills 6 class together for AHE instruction.

New content (eighth grade only) includes the impact of vaping, alcohol and tobacco on adolescents' brains and lungs.

This curriculum incorporates standards from the National Health Education Standards, the Michigan Grade Level Content Expectations and Michigan Merit Curriculum Credit Guidelines

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for Health Education, and the National Association of State Administrators of Family and Consumer Sciences.

Additional changes to the Life Skills 6 curriculum are unknown at this time. While we remain hopeful that we will be able to add in the additional Adolescent Health Education content and not lose any of our curriculum, we are unable to say for certain that this is true. If curriculum changes are needed, they will be brought to EPLC at a future date.

The AHE curricular updates were presented and approved by the Human Sexuality Advisory Board at the March 16, 2020 meeting. It is now being presented to the Educational Programs and Leadership Council and pending EPLC action to the Board of Education for approval.

COST: The cost for implementing this curriculum will be covered by the renewal of Discovery Education district licenses.

We thank you for considering this request for the upcoming school year.

Sincerely,

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Taylor Barczyk
Deb Redlin
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