
Fairbanks North Star Borough School District

MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 29, 2016
TO: FNSB Board of Education
THRU: Dr. Karen Gaborik, Superintendent
FROM: Melanie Hadaway, Executive Dir. of Teaching & Learning *MHA*
RE: Approval of Sexual Education Supplemental Materials & Presenters

HB 156, effective October 26, 2016, requires that any guest speaker or materials used for "sex education, human reproduction education, or human sexuality education" be approved by the school board and available for parents to review.

To meet this requirement, district teachers and counselors who teach these topics have been asked to submit materials, websites and names of speakers they use in their health classes or lessons. These materials will be made available for review and the school board will be asked to approve them at their October 18 regular meeting.

Materials, guest credentials, and online materials have been available for review since Monday, September 26. The review period has been extended through Friday, October 7. Materials can be reviewed in the Department of Teaching and Learning from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily. Additionally, parents are encouraged to contact secondary health teachers and counselors with school- or course-specific questions.

Sec. 14.30.361. Sex education, human reproductive education, and human sexuality education.

(a) A person may only teach a class or program in sex education, human reproduction education, or human sexuality education if the person

- (1) possesses a valid teacher certificate issued under AS 14.20 and is employed under a contract with the school; or
- (2) is supervised by a person who meets the requirements under (1) of this subsection.

(b) Before curriculum, literature, or materials related to sex education, human reproduction education, or human sexuality education may be used in a class or program or distributed in a school, the curriculum, literature, or materials must be

- (1) approved by the school board; and
- (2) available for parents to review.

(c) Before a person teaches a class or program under (a)(2) of this section,

- (1) the person must be approved by the school board; and
- (2) the person's credentials must be available for parents to review.