Consider the Adoption of a Resolution Regarding Reproductive Education Curriculum & Materials April 15, 2024

1. Background:

School Health Advisory Councils (SHACs) work together with schools to carefully plan school health programming and the impact on student health. It is important that SHACs review and recommend policies, procedures, strategies and curriculum options with care.

Changes in the Regular and 2nd Special Sessions of the 87th Legislature require a school board adopting curriculum in human reproductive instruction to seek the advice and recommendations of the local SHAC. In the course of developing recommendations, the SHAC must hold at least two public meetings on curriculum materials. The SHAC must provide their recommendations at a public meeting of the school board.

The matter of human reproductive instruction was previously discussed by members of the 2021-2022 SHAC. However, following the tragedy of May 24th, 2022 it was determined that it was not an appropriate time to hold public meetings on the matter and that it should be addressed again at a later time.

2. Process:

Members of the 2023-2024 SHAC created and disseminated a Wellness Survey to students, staff, and families during the months of February and March 2024. A total of 841 responses were received. Results of the survey indicate that approximately 37% of respondents disagree or strongly disagree that Uvalde CISD students receive enough information about reproductive education; 41% responded either "neutral" or "unknown" to this item. In addition, 35% of respondents disagreed or strongly disagreed that students receive enough education related to puberty and adolescence; 42% responded either "neutral" or "unknown" to this item.

3. Fiscal Impact:

No fiscal impact

4. Recommendation:

Approval of a resolution directing the SHAC to make recommendations related to the adoption of human reproductive curriculum materials, and adoption of the curriculum at a public board meeting.

5. Action Required:

Action required

6. Contact Person:

Niki Henderson

Uvalde CISD Resolution of Board to Convene the District's School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) to Recommend Curriculum Materials for Human Reproductive Instruction

WHEREAS, Section 28.004(e-1)(1) of the Texas Education Code requires the Board of Trustees to adopt a resolution convening the local school health advisory council (SHAC) for the purpose of making recommendations regarding curriculum materials for the school district's human reproductive instruction;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Uvalde Consolidated Independent School District hereby calls for the convening of the District SHAC to:

- 1. Hold at least two public meetings on the curriculum materials before adopting recommendations to present to the Board.
- 2. Recommend curriculum materials that comply with the instructional content requirements in law, are suitable for the subject and grade level for which the materials are intended, and are reviewed by academic experts in the subject and grade level for which the materials are intended.
- 3. Present the SHAC's recommendations to the Board at earliest Board meeting following the two required public meetings held by the SHAC.

Adopted this 15th day of April, 2024, by the Board of Trustees.