

MEETING DATE: January 19, 2015

AGENDA ITEM: REAL Essentials Sex Education Program Approval

ALIGNS TO BOARD PRIORITY: Learning - The District will provide an aligned, rigorous curriculum, with instructional and technology programs preparing students to meet or exceed all educational standards.

Presenter: Scott Kessel

Background Information:

- TEC, Section 28.004 states materials and instruction related to human sexuality shall be approved by the board of trustees on the advice of the local School Health Advisory Council
- Aledo ISD School Health Advisory Council approved a human sexuality curriculum called REAL Essentials on November 10, 2014
- The REAL Essentials curriculum is delivered by a 3rd party called Pure Truth, which is an in-school training program offered through Grace House Ministries
- HB 1972 from the 83rd legislative session now adds the requirement for schools to provide training on Human Trafficking awareness, something that is integrated into the REAL Essentials human sexuality curriculum
- Program was previously presented at December 15 Board of Trustees meeting and postponed until January meeting
- Curriculum materials will be available for Trustees to review at a time scheduled soon. This item will be brought back to Trustees for further consideration after that time.

Administrative Considerations: Postpone consideration of this program to future Board meeting.

FISCAL NOTE: No cost

Administrative Recommendation: Administration recommends to postpone consideration of this program to provide additional time for Board members to review curriculum materials.