



Oak Park Elementary School District 97

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TO: Members, Board of Education
Dr. Carol Kelley, Superintendent

FROM: Dr. Carrie Kamm, Director of Curriculum and Instruction

DATE: June 6, 2016

RE: Teen Health core resource for Health Grades 6-8

Per state of Illinois policy, we are responsible for providing a comprehensive health program for our students in grades K-8, that includes a sex education component in grades 6-8. ISBE has [indicated](#) that they are reviewing health programs in consultation with Illinois Department of Human Services, Illinois Department of Public Health, and the CDC, yet to date ISBE has made no recommendations of programs. Our middle school teachers have made efforts to pull together resources from previously purchased curricular resources and other supplemental resources. To insure that health programs at both middle schools are aligned and consistent, it is in our best interest to have our teachers use the same comprehensive, curricular resource. This spring, our health teachers have reviewed several commercially available programs. I have reviewed the Center of Disease Control website to find that they do not make resource recommendations. I consulted with a District 97 parent, Elizabeth Jarpe-Ratner, who is a doctoral student and researcher at the University of Illinois Chicago School of Public Health and is working with Chicago Public Schools to evaluate the implementation of their new comprehensive sex education policy and curriculum. She affirmed my opinion that having an up to date common resource is an important component for a comprehensive Health education program.

District 97 is requesting that the Board of Education approve the purchase of Glencoe Publishing's Teen Health curricular program for grades 6-8. The Teen Health curricular program is one of two programs that have been accepted by the state of California, a state that has one of the more rigorous state-level curricular program review processes in the country. Our health teachers have also reviewed this program and have concluded that it is comprehensive enough to address the areas that need to be addressed at each grade level. Having one core resource will provide the foundation for our Health program and support our teachers as they plan lessons that connect health topics to students' everyday lives.

The financial impact to the district is \$52,557,12 for a one year digital subscription to Teen Health that includes the human sexuality component (please see the attached quote for details).

Sincerely,

Dr. Carrie Kamm