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TITLE: Adoption of New Health Curriculum

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BACKGROUND:

During the 2024–2025 school year, the 7–12 Health Department engaged in the district's curriculum review process. This comprehensive review included an evaluation of current instructional practices, an analysis of student performance data, a study of academic standards, and an exploration of best practices in health education.

As part of the process, teachers examined curriculum materials from three publishers: McGraw Hill, Health Smart, and Goodheart-Willcox. Each vendor provided detailed presentations, and teachers had the opportunity to review sample materials and engage in Q&A sessions.

Teacher feedback emphasized the importance of selecting a curriculum that:

- Aligns with health education standards,
- Emphasizes a skills-based instructional approach,
- Offers both digital and print resources,
- Supports differentiation and scaffolding to meet diverse student needs.

The Comprehensive Achievement and Civic Readiness (CACR) Committee was kept informed throughout the review process. Based on alignment to standards, usability for teachers and students, and instructional effectiveness, the review team recommended the adoption of the Goodheart-Willcox curriculum. In addition to best meeting instructional needs, this option was a cost-effective choice.

The Health Department and Teaching and Learning Department is confident that the selected curriculum will enhance student learning and support high-quality health education instruction across grades 7–12.