



BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

KELLER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

10B. **Action** **Date: May 29, 2008**

SUBJECT: **APPROVAL OF DISTRICT ABSTINENCE PROGRAM**

BOARD GOAL: **All students will achieve educational excellence.**

FISCAL NOTE: **Title IV Funding**

Background Information:

- A subcommittee of the School Health Advisory Council reviewed the following abstinence programs: Choosing the Best, Worth the Wait, and Just Say YES
- The subcommittee recommended the Game Plan curriculum from Just Say YES for implementation at 7th grade
- School Health Advisory Council reviewed recommendation and endorsed Game Plan curriculum for implementation at 7th grade
- Director of Health Services and Director of Guidance & Counseling presented overview of Game Plan curriculum to all Intermediate and Middle School CEIC committees to solicit feedback from staff and parents
- Feedback received from campus CEIC committees was overwhelmingly positive and in support of implementation of Game Plan curriculum at 7th grade

Administrative Considerations:

- TEC § 28.004 states that any course materials and instruction relating to human sexuality or sexually transmitted diseases shall be selected by the board of trustees with the advice of the local School Health Advisory Council.
- TEC § 28.004 states a school district shall notify the parents of each student enrolled in the district of the basic content of the district's human sexuality instruction to be provided to the student; and the parent's right to remove the student from any part of the district's human sexuality instruction.
- Game Plan curriculum would be implemented at the 7th grade level, and delivered by counselors through guidance lessons. School nurses would be available for support.

- Game Plan curriculum could be supplemented with programs and services for students as well as parents in grades K-12.
- A pre-test and post-test is available to be administered before and after the delivery of the Game Plan curriculum in order to evaluate the effectiveness of the program content.
- Comprehensive training is provided by Just Say YES to counselors and nurses, plus any additional staff that may be involved in the delivery of the lessons.

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The administration recommends that the Board of Trustees approve the District Abstinence Program, to be implemented in 7th grade.

Respectfully submitted,

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