OKEMOS PUBLIC SCHOOLS Membership Application Personal Health and Sexuality Education Advisory Board (PHASE)

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Please	check an appropriate category (you m	ay check more than one	e):		
	Interested Citizen Community Health Professional	_x_ Elementary/Mid Ages of any children_	ddle/High School Parent 10 and 12		
1,	Overall, what are your perceptions public schools? Health and sexuality education in schools is		-		
	information, combined with discussions with parents/guardians/ trusted adults, they are more likely to delay				
	sexual activity. They are also more likely to engage in less risky behavior when they do decide to become				
	sexually active. It is important to give students facts and not rely on them to educate each other using				
	information from untrustworthy sources.				
2.	Do you have any comments about particular?	sexuality education with	nin the Okemos district in		
	Overall, I think Okemos has taken a good ap	pproach and would like to move	the curriculum to one that is		
	more inclusive for students who do not identify as traditionally cis gender heterosexuals.				
3,	Why are you interested in serving	on this committee?			
	It is awkward enough disussing these Issues with your own child. I can only imagine how difficult it is for teached				
	navigating this discussion with children from a broad range of backgrounds. I would like to ensure that those				
	teachers are provided with the tools and infor	mation to be comfortable and si	uccessful in teaching this vital course		
4.	What specific issues do you believ order of priority. Evidence and fact based information	e this committee should	address? Please list in		
	The move towards more inclusive language; girl/boy to people with penis/people with vulva				
	The definition of sexual activity to go beyond penis/vaniga to fully inform and educate about risks associated				
	with any type of sexual behavior.				

6.	What assets, background, past experiences, useful knowledge, etc., do you have that may assist this committee?				
	I have worked at Planned Parenthood for 25 years, providing education to patients and our community. I have also worked with our education department in various peer education programs. Additionally, I am a mother of two children that ask a lot of questions and give me feedback about the information they receive at school-both from sanctioned education sessions as well as from their peers.				
				Are you an employee of the Okemos school district?Yesx_ No	
					Are you willing to come regularly to four to five evening meetings per school year for a period of three years?

Information for the Applicant

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3. Work closely with the school administration in the implementation of this program.

4. Review with policy and/or State guidelines and make recommendations to the Board of Education for needed changes.

5. Perform other duties as suggested by the Supervisor of Reproductive Health, Board of Education, or the Superintendent of Schools.

A reasonable effort shall be made to ensure that the advisory board shall consist of members representing a cross-section of community viewpoints.

Applications are due by May 14th, and should be mailed or emailed to:

Stacey Molenda
Administrative Assistant to the Assistant Superintendent
4006 N. Okemos Rd.
Okemos, MI 48864
stacey.molenda@okemosk12.net

Your application will be forwarded to a subcommittee of the Okemos Parent Council, who review the applications and recommend applicants to the Okemos School Board. This process may take up to two months. You will be notified in writing about the status of your application after School Board approval.

Thank you very much for your interest in participating in the process of personal health and sexuality education in Okemos Public Schools.

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Please	check an appropriate category (you m	nay check more than one):	
	Interested Citizen Community Health Professional	X Elementary/Middle/High School Parent Ages of any children 13, 14, & 18	
1.	Overall, what are your perceptions regarding health and sexuality education within public schools? Health and sexual education is a necessary component of public school education.		
	The education should be ongoing as	nd science /data driven. It should involve an open	
	dialogue between the school, parents, and health provider community where the school		
	serves as the facilitator.		
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	For over 20-years I have been a public health researcher. I am trained social worker and have spent much of my career working in areas relevant to sexual and reproductive health, as well as studying protective factors among adolescents.				
	I am a parent with 3-kids in the district and an Okemos community member.				
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