

# Sayreville Public Schools

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TO: All Parents/Guardians

FROM: Dr. Frank Alfano

RE: Family Life Curriculum

The State Board of Education has mandated that all local boards of education provide K-12 instruction in Family Life Education (N.J.A.C. 6:29-7.1). Sayreville included family life education in its elementary and secondary health curriculums well before the adoption of the State mandate. The family life education program was developed sequentially through the elementary and secondary curriculums with instructional units appropriate to age, maturity, growth, and development of the students. This program contains three broad areas of content developed through appropriate consultation and participation of teachers, school administrators, parents, pupils in grades 9-12, community members, members of the clergy, and a physician. The three content areas are interpersonal relationships, human development, and responsible personal behavior.

The law requires that parents and guardians of pupils enrolled in the district receive annually an outline of the family life curriculum and a list of instructional materials for the grade level of their child. I have attached the required for your review and consideration. Should you, at any time, desire to review the complete curriculum and/or related instructional materials available at each school, I invite you to call your child's school principal to make an appointment.

You may receive a copy of the family life education curriculum in accordance with the following cost scale:

1<sup>st</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> page...50 cents per page  
11<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> page...25 cents per page  
All pages over 20...10 cents per page

As required by law (N.J.S.A. 18A:35-4.6 et seq.), the Sayreville Board of Education adopted a policy and procedures whereby any pupil, whose parent or guardian presents to the school principal a signed statement that any part of the instruction in family life education is in conflict with his/her conscience, or sincerely held moral or religious beliefs, shall be excused from that portion of the course where such instruction is being given and no penalties as to credit or graduation shall result there from.

Should you have any objection to any part(s) of the family life education instruction for your child and wish to have your child excused from that portion of the course, you must complete the Family Life Education Parental Objection form (S-11) which is available at each school in the district.

Thank you.