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Updating Clark County's Sex Education Curriculum

OVERVIEW: In the 2013 legislative session, AB 230 was introduced requiring school districts to update their sex education programs to include more topics and be more comprehensive. The bill did not pass, but legislators have indicated that updating sex education in Nevada will be a topic in the 2015 legislative session.

In order to prepare for that conversation, the Clark County School District has started a process to gather public input on what our community wants to see if we were to revise the current K-12 Operational Guide for Curriculum Development. CCSD staff use the guide to develop sex education curriculum.

The school district is holding a series of meetings with parents and community members through November so we can present our school district's recommendations in the 2015 legislative session. Trustees also might consider changes to the K-12 Operational Guide for Curriculum Development for the 2015-2016 school year.

What community input has been gathered so far?

- In May and September, the district held four meetings with invited community members to seek their comments on possible additions to the current CCSD Operational Guide. Approximately 30 parents, community members, and experts in the field attended each meeting.

What is the topic of community input meetings?

- One item the school district has reviewed at these meetings is a set of guidelines from a group known as Sexuality Information Education Council of the United States (SIECUS), which is made up of several national organizations, including the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
- The 2013 legislature reviewed the SIECUS guidelines and the document is just one part of our discussion and a starting point for conversation. They have **not** been adopted by the school district and so far nothing has been officially proposed by the district.
- Ultimately, after hearing public opinion through November, the Trustees will choose the developmental messages that work best for our community.

What are the next steps?

- The district continues to explore what changes should be made to the K-12 Operational Guide for Curriculum Development and welcomes feedback from the general public. Comments may be emailed to sexedininput@interact.ccsd.net.
- The Sex Education Advisory Committee is made up of parents and community members who applied for the positions and were approved by Trustees during an open meeting. The Committee will make recommendations to the Trustees on any potential changes to CCSD sex education curriculum. Their meetings are posted at ccsd.net/trustees.
- The Board of Trustees also will hold public meetings to obtain public input before making any decisions on approval of the K-12 Operational Guide for Curriculum Development.
- All meetings of the Sex Education Advisory Committee and the Board of School Trustees are open to the public, include public comment, and can be found at ccsd.net.
- As the conversation moves forward, all decisions will be made in consultation with our community and we will reference public input given in person, by email and by letters.