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May 2, 2022

VIA EMAIL

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Re: Open Public Records Act Request

Dear Sir or Madam:

Please accept this correspondence in response to the Open Public Records Act ("OPRA") request you submitted to the Glen Rock Board of Education ("Board") dated April 12, 2022, received April 22, 2022, to be provided by the seventh business day which is Tuesday, May 3, 2022. Your request seeks the following documents or records:

emails sent in 2022 that went to the super or the boe that contain the word sex.

Your request is granted. The emails responsive to your request are attached as pdf documents. Redactions have been made to these documents and the legal basis is provided with each redaction.

If your request for access to a government record under OPRA has been denied or unfilled within the seven business days required by law, you have a right to challenge the Board's decision to deny access. At your option, you may either institute a proceeding in the Superior Court of New Jersey or file a complaint with the Government Records Council ("GRC") by completing the Denial of Access Complaint Form. You may contact the GRC by toll-free telephone at (866)-850-0511, by mail at P.O. Box 819, Trenton, New Jersey 08625, by email at grc@dca.state.nj.us, or at their website at www.state.nj.us/grc. The GRC can also answer other questions about the law. All questions regarding complaints filed in Superior Court should be directed to the Court Clerk in your County.

If you should have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me.

MR/
Attachments

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Michael Rinderknecht". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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To: haywarde@glenrocknj.org
Subject: Frequently Asked Questions about the Comprehensive Health and Physical Education Standards for K-12 Students
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It is important to note that these standards don't mandate specific curriculum. They provide information on what students are expected to learn, and guidance for individual districts to develop curricula that is age-appropriate and that reflect the values of the community.

NJSBA and its member boards of education believe that parents are our most important partners in education and we welcome parental input and communication.

In fact, state regulations require boards to encourage feedback from the community, as per *N.J.A.C. 6A:8-3.1*, which states, "District boards of education shall encourage the active involvement of representatives from the community, business, industry, labor, and higher education in the development of educational programs aligned with the NJSLS."

The standards address topics that students should know about, including personal growth and development; pregnancy and parenting; emotional health; social and sexual health; community health services and support; movement skills and concepts; physical fitness; lifelong fitness; nutrition; personal safety; health conditions, diseases and medicine; alcohol, tobacco and drugs; dependency, and substances disorder and treatment.

Concerns have arisen in the wake of media coverage of resource documents that have been made available in some districts. Those resources are not mandated by the state and are not

required to be part of any district's curriculum.

On Wednesday, April 13, Gov. Phil Murphy directed the New Jersey Department of Education to review the standards and "provide further clarification on what age-appropriate guidelines look like for our students."

What do the Comprehensive Health and Physical Education Standards say?

NJSBA encourages board members and parents and community members to read the actual standards.

They can be found here: [Comprehensive Health and Physical Education NJSLS 2020 \(June\)](#)

Included in the standards, among other topics, is the need for all individuals to feel welcome and included, regardless of their gender, gender expression, or sexual orientation. The standards also outline when New Jersey students should learn about topics such as sexual orientation, gender identity and anatomy.

What is the difference between standards and curriculum?

Standards are a blueprint that describe expectations of what students should know and be able to do. They guide the development of curriculum by each individual district.

Curriculum is typically developed by teachers and school district leadership. It is proposed to the local board of education, which must, by law, vote to adopt.

Individual districts have control over their curriculum and specific lesson plans.

Can the public see a district's curriculum?

Districts may post their curriculum online, or they may have a process by which community members can view the curriculum. NJSBA recommends that districts make curriculum easily available to parents and community members.

Can parents "opt out" of family life curriculum / sex education?

Yes. In New Jersey, parents have had the right to opt out of the family life curriculum for their children since 1980, when [N.J.S.A. 18A:35-4.7](#), the Parents Right to Conscience Act, took effect.

Does NJSBA have policy concerning family life curriculum and the opt-out process?

Yes. NJSBA's Critical Policy Reference Manual Policy #6142.1, Family Life Education, is available in the "Members Only Policy Resources" section of the NJSBA website. A copy of the policy can also be found here:

<https://www.njsba.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/6142.1-Family-Life-Education.doc>

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From: [Mrs.Rose Raya](#)
To: [undisclosed-recipients:](#)
Subject: FROM MRS ROSE RAYA
Date: Wednesday, January 26, 2022 11:38:20 PM

My name is Mrs.Rose Raya from Indonesia,

I know that this message might come to you as a surprise because we don't know each other nor have we ever met before but accept it with an open and positive mind. I have a Very important request that made me to contact you; I was diagnosed with ovarian cancer disease which doctors have confirmed and announced to me that i have just few days to leave, Now that I'm ending the race like this, without any family members and no child, I just came across your email contact from my personal search.

I'm a business woman from Indonesia dealing with gold exportation here in the Republic of Burkina Faso. I have decided to hand over the sum of (\$10.5 Million Dollar) in my account to you for the help of orphanage homes/the needy once in your location to fulfill my wish on earth. But before handing over my data's to you, kindly assure me that you will take only 50% of the money and share the rest to orphanage homes/the needy once in your country, Return to enable me forward to you the bank contact details now that I have access to Internet in the hospital to enable you contact the bank, always check your email and reply in time for better communications.

PLEASE REPLY ME WITH THE ANSWERS TO THOSE QUESTIONS BELOW FOR MY CONFIRMATION SO THAT I CAN GIVE YOU THE EMAIL ADDRESS OF THE BANK FOR YOU TO CONTACT THEM.

1. FULL NAME:
2. YOUR AGE:
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8. YOUR OCCUPATION:
9. SEND TO ME YOUR PICTURE:
10. YOU HAVE TO ASSURE ME YOU WILL ACT AS I HAVE INSTRUCTED YOU IF THE MONEY GETS TO YOUR BANK ACCOUNT.

Your early response will be appreciated.

Yours Faithfully,
Mrs.Rose Raya.

From: [Joyce Powers](#)
To: [@x](#)
Subject: Fw: Health Class - Error on My Part
Date: Saturday, February 12, 2022 10:12:48 AM

N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1 Personal Information

This is the online health class we were "allowed" to pay \$199 for N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1 to attend in lieu of the in person class so I have time in the afternoons to give her OT by myself or my Mom or sister.

Joyce Powers

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From: Michael Parent <xxxxxxx@xxxxxxxxxxx.xxx>
To: Joyce Powers N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1 Personal Information
Cc: Bacolas, Tina <xxxxxxx@xxxxxxxxxxx.xxx>; Giurlando, Michelle <giurlandox@xxxxxxxxxxx.xxx>; Denise Puccio <xxxxxxx@xxxxxxxxxxx.xxx>; Powers Olivia <powerso23@glenrocknj.org>
Sent: Monday, February 7, 2022, 01:46:00 PM EST
Subject: Health Class - Error on My Part

Ms. Powers,

It was a pleasure to meet you last week. I am sorry to inform you that I misspoke and provided you with false guidance when I noted that you could opt your daughter out of Health class. You sent me an email on February 6 requesting your daughter's removal from the course based on a moral objection to some units in the syllabus. I responded by stating that we would place her in an Option rather than Health 11. However, after consulting regulation, policy and past practice in the state of NJ, I have found that a full exemption from aHealth course is not possible. The misstatement made to you is my fault.

The common approach to Health course objections is as follows:

If any part of a school's instruction in health conflicts with the beliefs of a parent or guardian of a pupil, the pupil, upon written request of the parent or guardian, shall be excused from the part of the instruction that conflicts with the religious training and beliefs.["religious training and beliefs" includes personal moral convictions.]

This practice is founded in New Jersey Statutes 18A:35-4.7. [Parent's statement of conflict with conscience]

*Any child whose parent or guardian presents to the school principal a signed statement that any part of the instructions in health, family life education or sex education is in conflict with his 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 therefrom. L. 1979, c. 428, s. 2, eff. Feb. 11, 1980.*

In light of this guidance, your daughter can either:

1. Be placed back into the Health class and may not attend the sessions that deal specifically with the units "Human Relationships and Sexuality" and "Sexual Orientation". Instead of these units being addressed, your daughter can complete an independent study project (i.e. a paper, a digital portfolio, or a combination of both) that is mutually agreed upon.
2. Enroll in the previously approved Educere Health course.

Please let Ms. Puccio know what you elect to do for your daughter. Again, I apologize for my misinterpretation of code.

Cordially,

Michael Parent, Ed.D
Principal
[Glen Rock Middle and High School](#)
400 Hamilton Ave
Glen Rock, NJ 07452
201-445-7700 x8956

From: [Sharon Scarpelli](#)
To: [Sinead Rundell](#); [Charleston, Brett](#); [Gregory Van Nest](#)
Subject: Fwd: Health standards
Date: Thursday, April 14, 2022 6:14:44 PM
Attachments: [2020 NJSL-CHPE.pdf](#)

Hi all - hope you are enjoying spring break.

I just read through this guidance. I am hoping you can provide the Board with what is currently being taught at each grade level in regards to the Pregnancy and parenting & Social and Sexual Health.

Thanks,

Sharon

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From: **Sharon Scarpelli** <[xxxxxxxxxx@xxxxx](#)>
Date: Wed, Apr 13, 2022 at 1:50 PM
Subject: Health standards
To: Sharon Scarpelli <[xxxxxxxxxx@xxxxxxxxxx](#)>

<https://www.nj.gov/education/cccs/2020/2020%20NJSL-CHPE.pdf>

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Aisling Quinn](#)
To: [Brett Charleston](#)
Cc: [Kenny Doerr](#)
Subject: Health curriculum
Date: Thursday, March 31, 2022 12:10:11 PM

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Thanks in advance.

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Aisling Quinn Doerr

From: [Sharon Scarpelli](#)
To: [Sharon Scarpelli](#)
Subject: Health standards
Date: Wednesday, April 13, 2022 1:51:12 PM
Attachments: [2020 NJSLS-CHPE.pdf](#)
[Untitled attachment 00049.txt](#)

<https://www.nj.gov/education/cccs/2020/2020%20NJSLS-CHPE.pdf>

From: [Inclusion Network](#)
To: robinsond@glenrocknj.org
Subject: January 2022
Date: Friday, January 14, 2022 3:36:20 PM

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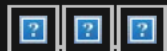


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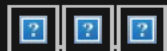


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From: [Brett Charleston](#)
To: [Aisling Quinn](#)
Subject: Re: Health curriculum
Date: Friday, April 1, 2022 1:00:12 PM

Good afternoon,

Thank you for your email and sharing your thoughts and concerns. The district will be working on K-12 health curriculum this summer and will share with the community those revisions. As is current policy, parents will be able opt their children out of any topics or lessons they deem necessary. I encourage you to speak with your child's principal or teacher for additional information.

Best,

Brett

On Thu, Mar 31, 2022 at 12:10 PM Aisling Quinn [N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1 Personal Information](#) wrote:

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Aisling Quinn Doerr

From: [Sheri Keener Denlinger](#)
To: [Brett Charleston](#)
Subject: Re: Respectful request on info per the curriculum changes in Glen Rock schools?
Date: Tuesday, April 19, 2022 12:15:23 PM

Hope you had a wonderful break.

Thank you so much for your response and care in this matter. Would love to hear the process of the changes or the approval process of the changes whenever they are being made.

It would be great to see Glen Rock be patient and follow in wisdom (and not make other district's mistakes) in these types of changes, rather than try to be a pioneer.

I would love to be included as a caring parent on any additional focus group or helpful parent liaison if there is opportunity or need. Let me know if I can help in any way!

~Sheri Denlinger (Parent of [N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1 Personal Information](#))

On Tue, Apr 19, 2022 at 9:10 AM Brett Charleston <[xxxxxxxxxxxx@xxxxxxxxxxx](#)> wrote:
Good morning,

Apologize for the delay. Our staff have begun to look at the new standards and are planning to bring in a consultant in June and over the summer, to help us navigate these changes and rewrite our curriculum in light of the new standards. We will also develop methods of communicating to parents what to expect and how to opt out if that is their preference. We know this is a sensitive topic and will communicate to all parents the curriculum with the ability to opt out. As of now, we continue to operate using the 2014 BOE approved standards.

Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Best,

Brett

On Wed, Apr 13, 2022 at 4:11 PM Sheri Keener Denlinger <[N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1 Personal Information](#)> wrote:

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To: charlestonb@glenrocknj.org
Subject: Respectful request on info per the curriculum changes in Glen Rock schools?
Date: Wednesday, April 13, 2022 4:11:23 PM

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From: [Consultancy Agency](#)
To: [undisclosed-recipients:](#)
Subject: Your partnership is urgently required; please confirm the receipt of this message for more details.
Date: Wednesday, March 2, 2022 11:12:18 AM

From Mr. Williams Smith,
Diplomatic Union Of West African States
Address: 276, Blvd Du 13 Janvier Immeuble Fiata 1er Etage
Your partnership is urgently required; please confirm the receipt of this message for more details.

Attn: Dearest One,

It is my sincere desire to share a mutual business relationship with you. My name is Williams Smith, Citizen of Republic of Togo, I work as an administrative secretary to Diplomatic Union Of West African States Ltd" (Gulf Region Contact Center) in Dubai, United Arab Emirates I got the information concerning you from the U.A.E Chamber of Commerce and Industry after due consultation with my spiritual adviser.

I joined the services of this Company in 1991 as an office Assistant. I decided to contact you believing that by the Grace of God you will accept to be my partner in this business. I have been working with this Company for years now. Within this period, I have watched with meticulous precision how African Heads of States and Government functionaries have been using" Diplomatic Union Of West Africa State Ltd" to move huge sums of money USD, Pounds Sterling, French Francs- (Cash) to their foreign partners.

They bring in these consignments of money and cash and secretly declare the contents as jewelries, gold, diamond, precious stones, family treasure, African Arts work/Antiquities documents etc. General Sanni Abacha of Nigeria (Dead) Mobutu Sese-Seko of Zaire (Dead) Foday Sankoy of Sierra Leone. Babangida of Nigeria etc.

All these people have hundreds of consignments deposited with the Diplomatic Union of West Africa State Ltd.

Their foreign partners , friends and relatives, are claiming most of these consignments. A lot of them are lying here unclaimed for as much as fifteen years now. Nobody may ever come for them because in most cases, the documents of deposits are never available to anybody except the depositors, most of them dead.

I am compelled to do this because I would not want the Finance company to push this funds (US\$18.5m) into their treasury as unclaimed inheritance..

Sometime last few years ago (2019) Diplomatic Union Of West Africa State Ltd changed the procedure of claims of consignments; it will be released to you upon demand. From our records, more than 120 consignments belonging to General Abacha/ Mobutu Sese-Seko, have been claimed in the past six months.

This is why I am soliciting your cooperation and assistance. Mobutu Sese-Seko, has 65 consignments deposited with several names and codes. 35 have been claimed Since he died, I

have finalized every arrangement for you to come and claim consignment No.1200 containing (US\$18.5m) Eighteen Million Five Hundred Thousand United States Dollars. My duty is to supply you with all information and documents by mail. You will deal directly with the management.

The procedure is simple: you will apply officially to the director of operations of the Diplomatic Union of West Africa States for the release of consignment No 1200. They will demand some documents and secret codes, mail me, I will supply you with detailed information and you will send it to them. As soon as they confirm it to be correct.

They will invite you for the collection to Dubai or West Africa, but, if you do not want to come you can arrange with them to transfer the consignment to anywhere on agreement.

Nobody will ever know I am involved in the deal except the Lawyer who will write the agreement for us hence I suggest we share 50-50 upon conclusion of this deal, you will arrange for me and my family to come over to your country I assure you that the business have been hatched for years now, it is very secure and 100% risk free For further explanations and directives on the procedures reach me immediately as you can equally contact me by filling this information below

I wait for your urgent response including your direct cellphone number and delivery address to complete the shipment, looking forward to hearing from you.

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Age:-----

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I will appreciate it very much. reply to me so that we can go over the details.

Yours truly
Mr. Williams Smith