Middle School Health Curriculum

Program Implementation:
District Priorities, Pilot roll-out, Parent Communication

Board Presentation - May 30, 2018
District priorities

- Protect Parental Rights
- Maintain Opt-Out Preferences (7th & 8th Grades)
- Keep District Families Well-Informed
- Meet State Compliance Standards
General Overview
In 2015, California Legislature passed **California Healthy Youth Act**

- The Act makes changes to HIV and comprehensive sexual health education curriculum
  - To develop healthy attitudes concerning adolescent growth and development, body image, gender, sexual orientation, positive relationships, marriage, and family
  - To ensure pupils receive integrated, comprehensive, accurate, and unbiased sexual health and HIV prevention instruction and provide educators with clear tools and guidance to accomplish that end

- The Act took effect in 2016
- Curriculum must be taught once in middle and once in high school
Pilot Program

• OUSD spent a year developing a State compliant pilot program

• Teacher, Parent and Board Member suggestions were received and taken into consideration

• Pilot design is a total of 10 hours - 5 hours in 7th grade and 5 in 8th grade

• Full Parent Opt Out available

• Was originally scheduled for June 2018
Communications
On-going Communication

School
- Recorded Phone School Messenger
- Parent Email Messages
- Parent Notification Letter/Opt Out sent home with students

District
- Curriculum Staff Available
- In-Office Material Review
- Parent Opt-Out Forms
- PTA and GATE Community Advisory Council (CAC) Meetings
Program Overview
## What The Program Contains

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Discourages Faith-Based Values
Pilot Program Next Steps

• Implement the 10 hours - 7th grade 5 hours and 8th grade 5 hours

• Survey students, parents and teachers

• Focus group to discuss survey results

• Share results with Curriculum Council to gather feedback and design action plan to address any identified issues

• Meet with Science teachers to plan augmented lessons as needed

• Facilitate parent/community forums at the Middle Schools

• Proceed to formal curriculum adoption process
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