

MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Rockville, Maryland

July 27, 2005

MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Board of Education

From: Patricia B. O'Neill, President

Subject: Charge to Citizens Advisory Committee on Family Life and Human Development

WHEREAS, the Board of Education and superintendent of schools desire to provide teachers and secondary students of the Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) with the very best curriculum and comprehensive instruction about family life and human development, including important information about human sexuality that promotes tolerance and understanding towards all people regardless of sexual orientation; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has taken final action reconstituting the systemwide Citizens Advisory Committee on Family Life and Human Development, pursuant to Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) 13A.04.18.03D(1) and Policy BMA, *Board of Education Advisory Committees*; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Board of Education to set forth the charge to the advisory committee, the task to be accomplished, the manner of accomplishing that task, and the schedule for reporting to the superintendent and the Board of Education; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the charge to the Citizens Advisory Committee on Family Life and Human Development is to consult with professional educators within the school system in the course of their developing, implementing, and evaluating the family life and human development program, to the degree deemed appropriate by the superintendent, consistent with the provisions of COMAR 13A.04.18.03(D)1; and be it further

Resolved, That the curriculum on family life and human development, including revisions, is to be developed by professional educators, under the direction of the superintendent of schools, as required by COMAR 13A.04.18.03D(1); and be it further

Resolved, That instructional materials on family life and human development are to be evaluated using MCPS procedures for reading levels, factual content, and general suitability of material for different levels of instruction, as required by COMAR 13A.04.18.03C(2); and be it further

Resolved, That the Citizens Advisory Committee on Family Life and Human Development is to review draft revisions or additions to the curriculum on family life and human development developed by the educators and the materials of instruction evaluated by education staff and provide its comments and recommendations on the curriculum and on the instructional materials to the superintendent and, through the superintendent, to the Board of Education, in a final report; and be it further

Resolved, That the Citizens Advisory Committee on Family Life and Human Development is to meet at least twice each school year, at the discretion of the advisory committee chair in consultation with the superintendent; and be it further

Resolved, That the Citizens Advisory Committee's final report shall be submitted to the Board of Education by the superintendent when he presents recommendations to the Board of Education for the adoption of curriculum, in accordance with §4-205(i) of the Education Article, Annotated Code of Maryland.

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