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Re: Sex Ed Transparency Bill

Dear Senators:

I am writing today as an educator, parent and grandparent in the public schools in support of the Sex Ed Transparency Bill.

It's 2020 and we live in an age of technology with computers and WIFI in every home. Almost every family member has their own cell phone with information a click away. And yet, quick and easy access to Sex Ed curricula and materials is **NOT** available to parents and guardians unless they have the time and stamina to literally hunt it down. Why?

Sex Ed is the only required curriculum with an opt out available for parents and students. Why would it be hidden and its content difficult to obtain? **Schools do not have the staff or time to deal with individual requests from parents to come in and see the curriculum or have it sent to them.** This bill is good for schools and teachers, lightening their load.

Not only is the information not available online and easily accessible to stakeholders it is an added burden to many who also work fulltime. So, the result is that single parent households, and households with 2 employed parents, and minority households are not only burdened with the day-to-day tasks of work and raising children but now must be additionally burdened to obtain information in the Sex Ed classes their children will be taking.

**As a teacher, single parent and grandparent in the public schools** this seems antithetical to the "public" in public schools. It does beg the question "**Why isn't this material readily and easily available to parents and guardians?**" Certainly, there is nothing to hide from parents whose job it is to oversee the education of their sons and daughters.

I urge you to make these materials available electronically and partner with parents and guardians in the education of our children. Studies repeatedly show, students and classrooms flourish with active and engaged parental involvement. It is key to the success of students and schools. It is important to have parents

partner with educators, especially in important areas like sex education. Let's lift the veil on sex education in our schools and make this information easily accessible. If there is no hidden agenda this change in the law will be very easy, hard to deny and the beneficiaries will be openness and transparency.

**I ask you to vote yes on SB20-072 to help students, parents and educators.**

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