INFORMATION SHEET 1/17/17 TRUSTEES' MEETING

To: Board of Trustees

From: Sarah Steen

Re: Family Life Education Curriculum

Background:

In January 2016, California adopted new legislation covering comprehensive sexual health education and HIV prevention education in public schools. The law, called the California Healthy Youth Act - Education Codes 51930-51939 (Assembly Bill 329), attempts to standardize and update sex education in the state. Jefferson School District Staff and Parents have reviewed the programs available and bring a recommendation to the board to adopt a program that meets the new requirements.

A JSD team attended the San Joaquin County Office of Education's Health Curriculum Faire on May 20, 2016. Six programs were presented at the event. Of those programs two were considered by our team and are also being recommended by SJCOE. The two programs (Teen Talk Middle School and Positive Prevention Plus) were available to parents and staff to preview at the District Office.

Teen Talk Middle School includes 14 lessons, taught over 10 hours, typically across two weeks. Teen Talk was developed for use in California schools and was designed to be inclusive of diverse racial, ethnic, religious, and sexual identities, for mixed-gender classrooms. All activities are available in English and Spanish. http://www.health-connected.org/#!our-curricula/czks

Based on our review of the programs the Curriculum Department is recommending the adoption of Health Connected Teen Talk Middle School Curriculum. With your approval, we will move forward on planning the staff training and our district parent preview night.

Recommendation: Approve adoption of Health Connected Teen Talk Middle School Curriculum