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Dear Parent or Guardian:

Last school year, 2022-2023 began the revision of the New Jersey State Learning Standards in Comprehensive Health and Physical Education mandated by the NJ Department of Education. We value the importance of partnering with families as we educate students in the knowledge and skills they need in order to lead a healthy, active life.

Family Life and Social/Sexual Health Instruction topics will be taught in **grades 2, 5, 7 and 8**. The [curriculum guides](#) are available on the district website for your review. Our curriculum has been reviewed and approved as appropriate to the age, maturity, growth and development of students at each grade level.

Franklin Township School District acknowledges that parents/guardians are the primary sexuality educators for their child/children. We want to remind Parents/Guardians that they do have the option of excluding their child from any Family Life/Social/Sexual Health instruction if it is in conflict with conscience, moral, or religious beliefs. Students who are excused will be assigned to a separate classroom for the identified lessons and complete independent work on previously taught health topics such as nutrition, first aid, communication skills, substance abuse, etc.

Below is a tentative timeline of when to expect Family Life parent letters this school year. Grade 2 and 5 instruction will occur in the spring. Grade 7 and 8 instruction will occur during the winter. Instruction will be provided by Mr. Hunter Timko, PE/Health teacher and Mrs. Dana Roberts, our school nurse.

Grade	Tentative Distribution Date	Who the letter is coming from
2nd & 5th	May	Hunter Timko, FTS PE/Health Teacher
7th & 8th	January	Hunter Timko, FTS PE/Health Teacher

Letters will not be sent out to any other grade level as their Health Curriculum does not include Family Life or Social/Sexual Health standards.

Yours in education,

Laura LoPiccolo