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Dear Parents & Guardians,

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On June 3, 2020 the New Jersey State Board of Education adopted the New Jersey Student Learning Standards. You can access the most recent standards [here](#).

We have received many questions surrounding the implementation of the Comprehensive Health and Physical Education Standards (CH&PE), particularly certain elements of Standard 2.1: Personal and Mental Health.

If you would like to opt out of any part of the Comprehensive Health and Physical Education Curriculum you have that right. Please send a letter **directly** to your school **principal**.

*Section 18A: 35-4-7 Any child whose parent or guardian presents to the **school principal** a signed statement that any part of the instructions in health, family life education or sex education is in conflict with his conscience, or sincerely held moral or religious beliefs shall be excused from that portion of the course where such instruction is being given and no penalties as to credit or graduation shall result therefrom. Parents and guardians seeking to exercise this option should contact their local school principal directly.*

It is important to understand that the NJSLS-CHPE standards do not dictate that local school districts adopt any specific curriculum. Rather, they are intended to provide a blueprint for curriculum development, with local school districts given the freedom to tailor the curriculum based on feedback from the community, including both educators and families. In the spirit of transparency, you can find our CH&PE curriculum documents on our district website.

The Bayonne Public School district believes that the strongest curriculum is one reflecting the input and expertise of the entire school community.

If you have any questions or suggestions regarding the Comprehensive Health and Physical Education curriculum please email our newly appointed Chief Academic Officer, Dr. Wachera Ragland-Brown ([wraglandbrown@bboed.org](mailto:wraglandbrown@bboed.org)) and our Director of Comprehensive Health and Physical Education ([tjacobson@bboed.org](mailto:tjacobson@bboed.org)).

We look forward to a great school year,

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