

## *A Report to the Community*

### **The Work of the Reproductive Health Advisory Lakeview School District – August 2008 to May 2010**

The following is a breakdown of the progress of reproductive health advisory meetings held and staff work from 2008 through June 2010.

#### **Reproductive Health Advisory meetings held:**

Six from January 2008 through March 2010 school year – (2/13/08, 4/30/09, 11/2/09, 11/30/09, 1/25/10 and 3/10/10).

#### **Recommendations made by the advisory:**

- 1) Emergency contraception (EC) information was added to high school human sexuality curriculum for the 2008-09 school year in the spring. It was approved by the Board of Education in April 2009.
- 2) The number of classes for human sexuality education at the middle school was reduced due to scheduling conflicts/changes. The normal six classes for 5<sup>th</sup> grade were cut to five classes, and the normal 4 classes for 6<sup>th</sup> grade were reduced to three. Seventh and eighth grade classes (7-12 classes) were also reduced to about half that number. These classes will continue to be reviewed as with any scheduling changes.
- 3) High school human sexuality curriculum included adding the male anatomical model for contraceptive education and enhanced contraceptive lessons from Project TRUST – *Volinia* (from Planned Parenthood), along with an interactive lesson with Project TRUST students on contraception. These additions will be phased in over the next school year, 2010-2011.
- 4) The “I WISH” DVD from Jackson Teen Pregnancy Prevention Initiative was also added for high school human sexuality curriculum and includes discussion on financial hardship, educational failure, single parenthood, abuse and neglect, all around the issues of teen pregnancy. Both # 3 and 4 above were added by the Board of Education approval at the May 2010 board meeting.

*\*All of the above additions to curriculum were brought through the process of two public hearings first (Board of Education meetings), for public viewing before final recommendations were voted upon.*

Parent meetings on the human sexuality curriculum have been a regular occurrence at Lakeview School District for many years. These meetings are held to keep parents informed on human sexuality curriculum being taught for students in grades 4 and 5. There were six regularly scheduled parent meetings held over the past two years, with approximately 40-50 parents in attendance and many others requesting curriculum information or materials. The meetings cover fourth and fifth grade curriculum and one personal safety curriculum (grades K-3). Parent letters on human sexuality curriculum being taught are sent to all parents at grade levels - 4<sup>th</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup> grades. Parents (approximately 35) over the past two years have also checked out materials from the parent resource library on sexuality education that was initiated eight years ago. Many parents also call asking for a copy of the reproductive health curriculum (grades 4, 5 and 6) or other additional information/resources. The Parent resource library information list has been added to the Lakeview School District website: [www.lakeviewspartans.org](http://www.lakeviewspartans.org) under *Parents*.