



Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

RE: Revisions to the Health & Physical Education Curriculum

We are writing to you in regard to the revised Health and Physical Education curriculum that was released today by the Ministry of Education.

As Catholics, we value the fact that parents and guardians are the primary educators of their children. Our collective role in the teaching of family life issues is pivotal and vital. As a Catholic school system, we honour the covenant between school, home and parish to provide our students with an education that is founded in the Gospel of Jesus, and reflects a Catholic world view.

While we have a responsibility to teach the curriculum set out by the Ministry of Education in education policy, we have always done so in a manner that conveys, respects and models our Catholic values to our students.

For more than 30 years, our schools, and all Catholic schools in Ontario, have successfully provided a family life curriculum within a Catholic framework under the guidance of the Catholic Bishops of Ontario through the *Fully Alive* program.

The vast majority of the revised curriculum is already covered within our *Fully Alive* program. Although some of the content has been reassigned, with the expectation that it be delivered in earlier grades, we are confident that we will be able to deliver the revised curriculum within the context of our Family Life program, in a way that is consistent with Church teachings, and our faith tradition.

Now that the revised curriculum has been released, the Catholic education community of Ontario will work together to produce resources that support our Catholic teachers and ensure that the curriculum delivered in our classrooms is consistent with our Catholic teachings, and appropriate within the context of a Catholic classroom.

For more information about the Fully Alive program, please visit:

<http://acbo.on.ca/englishweb/fullyalive.htm>

We want to assure you that as a Catholic school district, we will continue to offer a holistic curriculum that is shaped by a Catholic world view, and is faithful to the tradition and teachings of the Church. Please find attached a document that can support frequently asked questions.

Sincerely,

Chair, Board of Trustees

Director of Education