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Dear parents and guardians,

In February, 2015, the Ontario Ministry of Education released a revised Health and Physical Education Curriculum. All publicly funded Ontario schools are required to implement this revised curriculum beginning this school year.

Since February, the Board and our schools have had many questions from parents regarding the curriculum. We have also been in dialogue with the Ministry of Education regarding the implementation process for this revised curriculum.

As announced previously, the Health and Physical Education Curriculum will be taught throughout the 2015-2016 school year. However, in Grades 1-8, the content in the health topic Human Development and Sexual Health components of the curriculum is expected to be implemented in classrooms in the spring of 2016. This timeline allows the Board to complete curriculum support resources, provide professional development opportunities for teaching staff, and distribute additional parent resources.

Parents and families are our most important partners in student achievement and well-being, and as such, this year, you will be informed prior to the Human Development and Sexual Health topics being introduced formally in the classroom.

Our teachers and school staff members are skilled and dedicated professionals, and I can assure you that all components of this and all other curricula will be taught in a caring and safe environment.

For more information, copies of the full Health and Physical Education Curriculum and parent guides, including translated material, please visit the Board website: [www.yrdsb.ca](http://www.yrdsb.ca).

Sincerely,

J. Philip Parappally  
Director of Education  
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