



Your

# BUTTE SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parents,

We hope your school year has been great to this point for you and your student. The Montana Legislature has passed a law, Senate Bill 99, that places new requirements on schools. In this case, SB 99 requires schools to send a letter to parents concerning any course that teaches any of the listed topics encompassed under the broad topic Human Sexuality: including intimate relationships, human sexual anatomy, sexual reproduction, sexually transmitted infections, sexual acts, sexual orientation, gender identity, abstinence, contraception, or reproductive rights and responsibilities.

With the passage of SB 99, parameters are established that allow a parent or guardian of a child to remove the child from human sexuality instruction. The withdrawal or refusal to attend is an excused absence pursuant to 20-5-103.

Prior to any of these lessons being taught, Butte School District #1 parents will be notified. Parents have the right to review any curricula. That open approach to curriculum has always occurred and is reflected in BSD #1 School Board Policy 2132 which states: "A student's parent(s)/guardian(s) may, within a reasonable time of the request, inspect any instructional material used as part of their child's educational curriculum." If you have questions or wish to view the materials used in these lessons, **please contact your child's teacher for more information.**

Butte School District #1 continually implements responsible and developmentally appropriate curriculum for students. This includes developing curriculum designed to educate students in the areas of health, science, and family & consumer science.

The affected courses and subject areas that are taught in Butte schools are listed below:

Required Courses:

- 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade Puberty education that is taught each Spring.
- 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Health and P.E.
- Middle School Life Science
- 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Health
- Biology

Elective Courses:

- Human Anatomy and Physiology (Science elective)

In addition, Advanced Placement (AP) or Dual Credit courses may contain topics related to human sexuality. These courses have curriculum based on criteria outside the Butte School District #1 and Montana State Standards. If you have concerns you may contact the teacher of the course directly.

Respectfully,

Mrs. Judy Jonart  
Superintendent  
Butte School District #1