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Dear HWDSB Families,

**RE: Health and Physical Education Curriculum**

As we begin another school year, we want to update families on the direction provided by the Provincial Government with respect to the Health and Physical Education curriculum. Last week the Ministry of Education re-issued the Health and Physical Education Curriculum for Grades 1-8 (interim edition, 2010) and indicated that the current version of the Grades 9-12 curriculum (2015 revised) would continue to be implemented. The curriculum documents and additional resources for families are available on the Ministry of Education website at:

Grades 1-8: <http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/curriculum/elementary/health.html>

Grades 9-12: <http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/curriculum/secondary/health.html>

School Boards in Ontario follow the direction set by the Ministry of Education when it comes to curriculum. Our teachers use their professional judgement to teach and report on student progress based on this direction within a learning environment that is inclusive, accepting, and supportive of our commitment to equity.

As in previous years, families will be notified when the Growth and Development components of the curriculum will be addressed. This communication will come from the school approximately two weeks before the subject matter is taught. In keeping with our commitment to effective communication and building strong relationships we encourage families to contact the classroom teacher with questions or concerns. Our *Addressing Concerns @HWDSB* flowchart provides more information about contacting various board staff. It can be found on our website at:

Addressing Concerns@HWDSB: <http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/Addressing-Concerns-HWDSB.pdf>

Wishing all members of the HWDSB community an energizing start to the 2018-19 school year!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'P. Sovran', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

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