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Various Dates

**TO:** All Principals

**FROM:** Cheryl C. Alligood, Chief Academic Officer *MJS for C.A.*

**SUBJECT:** HUMAN GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT TRAINING FY14

All students in grades K-9 shall be given the opportunity to participate in the Human Growth and Development program. Five-day units of study have been developed for grades K-9, and they can be found on Learning Village. The curriculum is generally taught in late April or early May. Please refer to grade-level Scopes for recommended timeframes.

**General Information-Human Growth and Development Curriculum**

Grade Levels	Topics Addressed
K-3	Personal safety, character education, wellness
4-5	Self-esteem, decision-making, healthy and unhealthy touching, media influences, social networking websites, texting, male and female reproductive systems, puberty, HIV/AIDS
6-9	Self-esteem, decision-making, refusal skills, media influences, social networking, websites, texting, male and female reproductive systems, puberty, contraception, dating violence, STIs including HIV/AIDS, disease prevention

**Opt-Out Policy**

Prior to conducting the program, PBS 2140 *Human Growth and Development Study Exemption* form must be distributed to each student in grades 3-9. **It is highly recommended that you post information about the opt-out policy on your school's website and Edline pages to ensure that all parents/guardians understand the opt-out process.**

There are two types of training workshops: face-to-face and online. *Face-to-face trainings are recommended for teachers who will teach the Human Growth and Development curriculum and who have not attended a face-to-face training in the past four years. Online trainings are recommended for any teacher who implements the curriculum and who has already attended a face-to-face training within the past four years.*

Teachers may begin to register for the face-to-face and online trainings on TrainU starting Thursday, December 19, 2013. Use the following pathway to register for both trainings: *District Home Page-> Employees-> TrainU-> View Course Catalog-> Science*. Up to six in-service points will be awarded to teachers who complete the face-to-face training and up to five points will be awarded to teachers who complete an online course and submit the appropriate follow-up documentation.

**2014 Face-to-Face Professional Development Schedule**

Date	Time	Grades	Location
Tuesday, January 21	8:30 – 11:30 AM	K-2	Pew Center
	12:30 – 3:30 PM	3-5	Pew Center
Wednesday, January 22	8:30 – 11:30 AM	K-2	Safe Schools
	12:30 – 3:30 PM	3-5	Safe Schools
Tuesday, January 28	8:30 – 11:30 AM	6-9	Pew Center
Wednesday, January 29	8:30 – 11:30 AM	6-9	Safe Schools

**Reporting Data**

As documentation for completion of the program, each school will complete *PBSD 0539 Human Growth and Development Curriculum School Data Summary* and submit the results electronically via eForms to Secondary Education by Friday, May 30, 2014. More information about reporting data will be addressed at the trainings.

If you have any questions regarding the Human Growth and Development curriculum, please contact Wendy Spielman King, K-12 Science Manager, at PX 21152.

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Approved:  for E.W. GENT  
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