

WORCESTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS SEX ED CURRICULUM DEBATE

YOUR VOICE IS NEEDED!

At its meeting on **Thursday, February 7 at 7 p.m. at City Hall, 455 Main Street**, the Worcester School Committee will continue its consideration of an update of the sex education unit in the Worcester Public Schools Health Education curriculum. Several months ago the School Committee had a program before it (*Making Proud Choices*) for grades 6-8 which *one Committee Member called extraordinarily graphic, amoral and inappropriate for many children of that age*. The School Committee took no action on that program and the School Administration has since recommended another program (Michigan Model for Health).

We understand that in December, Planned Parenthood of Boston scheduled an organizing meeting in Worcester (Worcester Youth Deserve Comprehensive Sex-ed) to prompt people to take action and make a final push. Other voices now also seem to be advocating the adoption of Making Proud Choices.

If you are a Worcester resident, please consider coming to City Hall this Thursday, February 7, at 7 p.m. to oppose vivid instruction in sexual activity to 11 - 13 year old children and to support the exploration of alternatives by the school administration. We urge you to share this information with like-minded friends and family who are city residents.

While the Michigan Model for Health Program also raises serious questions, it is less objectionable than Making Proud Choices. Strong parental notification provisions could address some of those continuing concerns.

If you are unable to make the meeting on Thursday, **please consider calling or emailing School Committee members to express your concerns.** You will find the School Committee members' contact information on the reverse side of this flyer.

MANY THANKS!

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