MATCH CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL

Family Notification Relative to Sex Education

In accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 71, Section 32A, the Match Charter Public School Board of Trustees (the “Board”) has adopted this policy on the rights of families of our students in relation to curricula that primarily involves human sexual education or human sexuality issues.

At the beginning of each school year, all families of students at Match Charter Public School will be notified in writing of the courses and curricula we offer that primarily involve human sexual education or human sexuality issues. Families of students who enroll in school after the start of the school year will be given the written notice at the time of enrollment. If the planned curriculum changes during the school year, to the extent practicable, families will be notified of this fact in a timely manner before implementation.

Each such notice to families will include a brief description of the curriculum covered by this policy, and will inform families that they may:

1. Exempt their child from any portion of the curriculum that primarily involves human sexual education or human sexuality issues, without penalty to the student, by sending a letter to the school principal requesting an exemption. Any student who is exempted by request of the family under this policy may be given an alternative assignment.
2. Inspect and review program instruction materials for these curricula, which will be made reasonably accessible to families and others to the extent practicable. Families may arrange with the principal to review the materials at the school, and may also review them at other locations as may be determined by the school principal.

A family who is dissatisfied with a decision of the principal concerning notice, access to instructional materials, or exemption for the student under this policy may send a written request to the Chief Academic Officer, with a copy to the Executive Director, for review of the issue. The Chief Academic Officer or his/her designee will review the issue and give the family a timely written decision, preferably within two weeks of the request. A family who is dissatisfied with the Chief Academic Officer’s decision may send a written request to the Board for review of the issue. The Board will review the issue and give the family a timely written decision, preferably within four weeks of the request. A family who is still dissatisfied after this process may send a written request to the Commissioner of Education for review of the issue in dispute.

A copy of this policy will be distributed to each principal by September 1 of each year.

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