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Starting fall 2016 sixth- through twelfth-grade students will use new sexual health instructional materials

Materials being considered will be on display, May 25, 2016 6-8 p.m. at the Community Resource Center, 3900 Broadway in Everett

Starting in September 2016, sixth through twelfth grade students and their teachers in Everett Public Schools will use newlyselected sexual health instructional materials.



The Sexual Health Education Curriculum Adoption Team is now studying the <u>Washington State Health Education Standards</u> and the *National Health Education Standards* for sexual health education. The team is analyzing materials for how well they support teaching and learning state standards. The selection team is using the district process for review of materials for other important criteria for evaluation of instructional materials.

What do you think about materials being considered?

On Wednesday, May 25, 2016, from 6-8 p.m. at the Community Resource Center, students, families, staff, and community members interested in secondary sexual health education are invited to explore instructional materials being considered for next school year. The team encourages those attending to leave written comments and questions about the materials after reviewing them.

"We encourage students, families, staff, and community members to attend our open house events to explore each set of materials. We hope those attending will share their perspectives about how well the materials will meet the learning needs of students," said Dr. Tony Byrd, who is the district's Associate Superintendent of Curriculum, Assessment, and Special Programs. "The written feedback from those who attend open house events provides valuable input. The team will consider this when narrowing the selections to materials our students and teachers will use starting next year."

In June, after the team hears more from curriculum publishers and reviews all of the open house feedback and all evaluations, the team will present its recommendation to the superintendent. The superintendent will then make a recommendation to the school board in time to have materials before school starts in September.

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