



York Catholic District School Board

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

RE: Update on the Implementation of the Revised Elementary Health and Physical Education Curriculum for York Catholic District School Board

This letter is to inform parents and guardians in the York Catholic District School Board that the revised Health and Physical Education Curriculum will **not** be introduced beginning September 2015.

At the request of the Assembly of Catholic Bishops, the Institute for Catholic Education has begun the task of developing resources to assist teachers and school administration in Catholic School Boards with the implementation of the *Human Development and Sexual Health* topic within the revised curriculum. This will ensure that the resources developed will be vetted by a panel of theologians and deemed by our Bishops as appropriate for use in our Catholic Schools.

The revised curriculum is expected to be implemented in classrooms in **Spring 2016**. As has been our practice in previous years, we will deliver the *Human Development and Sexual Health* component through our Family Life/Religious Education Program.

We remain confident that the revised Health and Physical Education curriculum will be delivered in Catholic classrooms in a way that is faithful to our Catholic teachings. As has always been the case, parents retain the right to withdraw their child from any lesson. Additional information, including a Q&A document is available on our Board website at www.ycdsb.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patricia Preston".

Patricia Preston
Director of Education