

Dansville Schools Reproductive Health Education Advisory Committee presented a proposal to teach HIV/AIDS prevention during the 2011-12 school year. At this time, our district has not adopted a reproductive health curriculum. Schools are mandated to teach HIV/AIDS prevention as stated in Michigan Compiled Law 380.1169: "School districts are required to teach about dangerous communicable diseases, including, but not limited to, HIV/AIDS. Instruction regarding dangerous communicable diseases, including, but not limited to, HIV/AIDS, must be offered at least once a year at every building level (elementary, middle/junior, senior high)." The proposal presented to the Dansville School Board of Education on January 23, 2012 included the following;

Elementary: Implement the 4th grade Michigan Model HIV Education curriculum in grades 4 and 5.

Middle School: Implement the 5th grade Michigan Model HIV Education curriculum in grades 6 and 8.

High School: Implement the 5th grade Michigan Model HIV Education curriculum and the Michigan Model for Health: Healthy and Responsible Relationships, Lesson 7 (pages 99 - 118) in grades 9 and 12.

Fourth and Fifth Grade student learning outcomes are following;

- Define HIV and Aids.
- Identify how HIV is and is not transmitted.
- Identify ways people can protect themselves from infection with HIV and other blood-borne infections, including not touching blood and used hypodermic or tattoo needles.
- Explain that it is safe to be a friend of someone who is living with HIV or AIDS.

Ninth and Twelfth Grade

- Recognize teens' vulnerability to HIV infection.
- Summarize the physical, social, and emotional impacts of HIV and AIDS on teens and society.
- Summarize the impact of HIV and AIDS on friends, family, and future dreams.
- Identify reputable sources of information.
- Demonstrate how to contact resources appropriately.
- Assess personal perception of risk for HIV and other STDs.
- Identify abstinence from sex as the most effective way to prevent infection.

If the proposal is adopted parents and/or legal guardians must and will be notified in advance of:

- The **content** of the instruction.
- Their **right** to review materials in advance.
- Their **right** to observe instruction.
- Their **right** to excuse their child without penalty.

The Reproductive Health Education Advisory Committee has been meeting once a month since February 2011. The meetings and minutes are posted. The next meeting is February 6, 2012 in the elementary library. The Reproductive Health Education Advisory Committee is co-chaired by Krista Voss and Elizabeth Graf. Addie Price, Amanda Ragon, Kristy Cook, Andy Cox, Laura Launstein, Jan Sweers, Heather Hause, Sara Oesterle, Jim McNally and Steve Ezop are members.