

April 29, 2019

Dear Applicant:

Re: Your request for access to information under Part II of the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act (Our File #: EECD/036/2019)

On April 16, 2019, the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development received your request for access to the following records/information:

"I would like a list of all material being used in secondary classrooms relating to sexual health and gender identity. I have recently seen a book being used in Nova Scotia called "Transphobia: Deal With It" (produced by Lorimar) that I consider to be child abuse. This book is not a part of the curriculum but is placed in 7th grade classrooms for casual reading. Therefore in addition to the material being used in classrooms I also require a list of the books available for children to read in their own time that pertain to sexual health and gender identity. I have been trying to obtain this info form the Dept. of Education but they have failed to get back to me. That is not acceptable. This is of the utmost seriousness and should be treated with urgency. I am well versed in mental health and I consider this material to be grooming (abuse priming) material."

I am pleased to inform you that a decision has been made by the Deputy Minister of the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (the department) to provide access to the requested information.

All materials provided to schools, from the department, are listed in the Program of Studies. The Program of Studies is available at:

<https://www.ed.gov.nl.ca/edu/k12/curriculum/descriptions.html>.

Specific course references related to your request are attached.

I note that school districts, or any school, may supplement the authorized resources by providing students with additional materials. The text you reference in your request is not provided by the department.

You may ask the Information and Privacy Commissioner to review the processing of your access request, as set out in section 42 of the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act (the Act). A request to the Commissioner must be made in writing within 15 business days of the date of this letter or within a longer period that may be allowed by the Commissioner.

The appeal may be addressed to the Information and Privacy Commissioner as follows:

Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner
2 Canada Drive
P. O. Box 13004, Stn. A
St. John's, NL. A1B 3V8

Telephone: (709) 729-6309
Toll-Free: 1-877-729-6309
Facsimile: (709) 729-6500

You may also appeal directly to the Supreme Court Trial Division within 15 business days after you receive the decision of the public body, pursuant to section 52 of the Act.

Please be advised that this letter will be published following a 72 hour period after it is sent electronically to you or five business days in the case where records are mailed to you. It is the goal to have the letter posted to the Completed Access to Information Requests website within one business day following the applicable period of time. Please note that requests for personal information will not be posted online.

The Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act requires us to provide an advisory response within 10 days of receiving the request. As this request has been completed by day 10, this letter also serves as our Advisory Response.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact the undersigned by telephone at 709-729-7180 or by email at garynoftall@gov.nl.ca.

Sincerely,



Gary Noftall
ATIPP Coordinator

Attachment

Health Grade 7

Resource List

updated: 05/02/13

Curriculum Documents

- *Adolescence: Healthy Lifestyles (Health and Personal Development Curriculum)* (1993)

Authorized Resources

- *Healthwise 1* (student resource)
- *Healthwise 1 (teacher's resource guide)*

Supplementary Resources

NA

Health Grade 8

Resource List

updated: 05/02/13

Curriculum Documents

- *Adolescence: Healthy Lifestyles (Health and Personal Development Curriculum)* (1993)

Authorized Resources

- *Healthwise 2* (student resource)
- *Healthwise 2* (teacher's resource guide)

Supplementary Resources

NA

Health Grade 9

Resource List

updated: 05/02/13

Curriculum Documents

- *Grade 9 Health Curriculum Guide (Interim Guide)* (2008)

Authorized Resources

- *Human Sexuality, First Canadian Edition* (student resource)
- *Human Sexuality, First Canadian Edition Teacher's Resource*
- *Flip Charts*
 - Understanding Sexually Transmitted Infections*
 - Choosing a contraceptive that's right for u, SECOND EDITION*

Supplementary Resources

NA

Physical Education- Healthy Living 1200

Resource List

updated: 06/12/13

Curriculum Documents

- *Healthy Living 1200 Curriculum Guide (2002)*

Authorized Resources

- *LIFECHOICES: Healthy and Well (student resource)*
- *LIFECHOICES: Healthy and Well (teacher resource)*

Supplementary Resources

- *Concepts of Physical Fitness with Laboratories*
- *Money Smarts learning Resources*

Human Dynamics 2201

Resource List

updated: 05/6/13

Curriculum Documents

- *Human Dynamics 2201 – A Curriculum Guide* (2004)
- *Foundation for Home Economics/Family Studies Education* (2003)

Authorized Resources

- *Profiling Canada's Families II*, Vanier Institute of the Family (Teacher Resource)
- *LIFECHOICES: Relationships* (Student Resource)
- *LIFECHOICES: Relationships* (Teacher Resource)
- *LIFECHOICES: Venturing Out* (Student Resource)
- *LIFECHOICES: Venturing Out* (Teacher Resource)
- *It Only Takes a Moment: Shaken Baby Syndrome*, (video), Manitoba Family Services and Housing
- *Parenting in Canada: Human Growth and Development* (teacher resource)
- *RealCare Baby II®* (student and teacher resource)
 - ✓ *Infant Simulator*
 - ✓ *Real Care® Parenting Program Manual*
- *Money and Youth* (teacher resource)

Supplementary Resources

Provided in 2004

- *Birth Control that Works*, freeware provided by the University of Alberta health Centre (teacher resource)
- *Itchin', Burnin' & Squirmin': STDs and You*, freeware provided by University of Alberta Health Centre (teacher resource)
- *Choices for Positive Youth Relationships* (Boxed set previously supplied to Guidance Councillors)
 - ✓ *Instructional Guide*

✓ *A Love That Kills* (video)

Provided prior to 2004

- *Out of the Dark: Youth and Depression* (video provided by the Canadian Mental Health Association: Newfoundland and Labrador Division)
- *Closing The Gap: 0.4 mg of Prevention* (video)