

Ms. Lourdes Diaz, Chief Academic Officer  
Office of Academics and Transformation

**SUBJECT: ACCEPTING THE HEARING OFFICER’S RECOMMENDATION  
REGARDING INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS**

**COMMITTEE: ACADEMICS, INNOVATION, EVALUATION AND TECHNOLOGY**

**LINK TO STRATEGIC  
PLAN: RELEVANT, RIGOROUS AND INNOVATIVE ACADEMICS**

At the April 13, 2022, Board meeting, the School Board approved and adopted the following instructional materials for a unit of study for Human Reproduction and Disease Education, grades 6-12, for the 2022-2023 school year.

Grades 6-8	Grades 9-12
Comprehensive Health Skills for Middle School, Sanderson, C. A., et. al., Goodheart Willcox, 2023, 3rd Edition (Chapters 12,15,16,17,18,20)	Comprehensive Health Skills for High School, Sanderson, C. A., et. al., Goodheart Willcox, 2023, 4th Edition (Chapters 18,19,20,21,22,24)

Petitions objecting to these instructional materials were subsequently filed with the Board Clerk, thus requiring that the District enact procedures stipulated in both Board Policy 2510 and § 1006.28, Florida Statute (2021) to address the petitions.

The Superintendent appointed an unbiased and qualified hearing officer who conducted an open public hearing on all petitions timely received. The hearing was held on June 8, 2022, in the auditorium at Booker T. Washington Senior High School. Per Florida statute, the hearing officer had 14 days to review the case and make a final recommendation to the School Board. The hearing officer’s recommendation, along with all evidence, petitions, and supporting documentation, was transmitted to the Board on June 22, 2022. The hearing officer recommended that the School Board deny the petitions and proceed with the adoption process in accordance with School Board policy, applicable law, and the recommendation of the Superintendent.

Pursuant to Board Policy 2510 and § 1006.28, Florida Statute (2021), the Board, at a public meeting, must consider the petitions, the hearing officer's findings and recommendation, and any evidence presented to the hearing officer, and make a final decision on the petitions. The decision of the Board shall be final and is not subject to further review or petition.

**RECOMMENDED:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, based on the hearing officer's recommendation and evidence presented, make a final decision to deny the petitions objecting to *Comprehensive Health Skills for Middle School*, Sanderson, C. A., et. al, Goodheart Willcox, 2023, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition *Comprehensive Health Skills for High School*, Sanderson, C. A., et. al, Goodheart Willcox, 2023, 4<sup>th</sup> Edition; and uphold the adoption of the textbooks with specified chapters.

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