**Talking Points for Board Meeting Monday, January 22, 2018**

**RE: Comprehensive Health Curriculum Compliance with Erin’s Law**

* Comprehensive health began to be taught in 1988; law revised June of 2014 to include sexual assault and abuse prevention K4 – 12th Grade know as Erin’s Law
* 2015-16 School Year, Board Policy Manual added “instruction on sexual abuse and assault awareness and prevention” to Policy IHAM Health Education
* Fall of 2015, SC Department of Education sends modules to cover new changes to the law
	+ Teachers, Guidance Counselors, and Administrators developed and modified curriculum to incorporate these modules
* State mandated 13 Member Committee met October of 2015 to approve changes
	+ Committee consisted of:
		- 3 Clergy
		- 2 Community Members
		- 2 Teachers
		- Student Council President
		- 1 Additional Student Representative
		- 2 Parents
		- 2 Health Care Professionals
* K4 – 12th Grade Implementation
	+ K4 – 5th Grade Guidance Counselors deliver class room instruction
	+ 6th Grade Science Teachers include new material along with existing sex-ed instruction
	+ 7th & 8th Grade P.E. Teachers include additional modules along with existing sex-ed instruction
	+ Modules were included along with 10th grade sex-ed instruction
	+ 9th, 11th, and 12th Grade component was delivered in OLWEVS lessons in REBS to include dating violence, sexting, and online predators
* April of 2016, State Department sends District Superintendents a Memorandum regarding revision of Erin’s Law Instructional Units
	+ Cease use of current State provided materials
	+ No funding provided in the interim for instructional materials
	+ To-Date, no further direction on “revisions” have been provided
* Teacher Training
	+ Spring 2016, Darkness to Light Training for any remaining Guidance Counselors, Science Teachers, and P.E. Teachers that had not received it previously
	+ Summer 2016, Compassionate Schools Training began and is ongoing
* April 2017, Mary Black Foundation provides grant proposal
	+ Multiple experts and advocates came together to develop curriculum and training resources that align with the SC Standards & Indicators
	+ Offering support for all seven districts in the form of obtaining materials and teacher training
	+ Show examples of curriculum
		- K4 – 5th Grade – Second Steps
		- 6th – 8th Grade – NuCulture
		- 9th Grade – Love Notes
		- 10th – 12th Grade – in the process of being developed based on recommendations by the Foundation
* Received in Summer of 2017 and distributed to teachers for review and committee recommendations
* November 2017, 13 Member Committee met to review and make changes, and voted to accept these curriculums
* Teacher trainings through the Foundation took place during the Fall 2017 Semester
* Pending Board approval, program implementation will take place starting this semester, Spring 2018