

The Honorable Mike McGuire
Chair, Senate Committee on Education
California State Capitol Room 5061
Sacramento, California 95814

RE: Senate Bill 673- SUPPORT

Dear Senator McGuire and Members of the Senate Education Committee:

I am writing to express my support for SB 673 (Morrell), which would amend the California Healthy Youth Act (CHYA) to increase parental oversight of age-appropriate sexual health education of their children, while strengthening parental rights and responsibilities to supervise such instruction.

In support of these principles, SB 673 would enact three amendments in the California Healthy Youth Act. First of all, under the bill it would be made clear that any sexual health education of elementary age (TK- 6th grade) student WILL BE age appropriate.

Secondly, parents would be able to review, through a school district website, all materials used in sexual health education well in advance of actual instruction.

And lastly, given the social emotional and developmental nature of elementary age students, SB 673 would respect parents' rights by requiring active consent (Opt –In) for comprehensive sexual health education and HIV prevention education of young children in Grade TK-6.

SB 673 proposes simple and straightforward solutions and would empower all to make informed decisions regarding their child's development and instruction. In addition it is in complete alignment with California Education Code 51937. Therefore, I respectfully request that you support the passage of SB 673.

Sincerely,

(Personal written signature) _____ (Printed name) _____ (Date)

(Residence Address – Not P.O. Box) _____ (City), CA _____ (Zip Code)

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