Parents have a right to review all sex education materials and opt their children out of “sex Education.”
Mass. Gen. Law Chap. 71, Sec. 32A

Review the content of programs, text books, and handouts regarding sexuality education each year.
Evaluate the curriculum in light of your child’s maturity and your family’s religious values.
View audiovisuals that will be used in the classroom, workshops, and special assemblies.
Interview your child’s health teacher; determine how issues will be addressed; inquire about guest speakers and the organizations they represent.
Exercise your right to be involved in planning and evaluating programs.
Write to your principal to exempt your child from objectionable material when necessary. This is your right under current law.

“The right of parents to choose an education in conformity with their religious faith must be absolutely guaranteed.”
- John Paul II

As public schools assume more responsibility for sexuality education, they must exercise care that they neither take over the rightful role of parents, nor contradict parents’ religious values.

The Massachusetts Health Curriculum Frameworks are currently the recommendations of the state as to what should be taught in public schools with respect to nutrition, exercise, drugs, alcohol, etc. Local districts have some discretion as to how they are implemented. No one is opposed to health education per se (nutrition, exercise, safety), but concealed within the Frameworks is a form of sex education that undermines the rights of parents.

For more information contact:
Massachusetts Catholic Conference
www.macathconf.org
(617) 367-6060
Recent legislative attempts have been made to make health a core curriculum subject, making the implementation of the Frameworks mandatory in all school districts.

What Can Parents Do?
Let your Voice be Heard!

- Contact your state legislators and voice your objections to the mandatory implementation of the Massachusetts Health Curriculum Frameworks.*
- Support legislation to make all sexuality education an elective.
- Examine the content of the local school curriculum.

To view the Frameworks online, visit: www.doe.mass.edu/frameworks/health/1999/1099.doc
See pages on Reproduction/Sexuality, pp.31,32.

*Current bill number available from Massachusetts Catholic Conference

Parents bestow great trust by placing their children in the care of public Schools.

Current research indicates that parental involvement is the most effective factor in reducing the risk behaviors of adolescents.