



FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP SCHOOL
Dr. Nicholas A. Diaz, Superintendent

November 15, 2021

Dear FTS Family,

I hope this letter finds you well. During the next Board of Education meeting, our District Curriculum Coordinator, Mrs. Laura LoPiccolo, will be going over the upcoming changes to the New Jersey Student Learning Standards. These changes will ultimately be reflected in the District Curriculum for the 2022-23 school year. Mrs. LoPiccolo will be going over changes to:

- [Comprehensive Health and Physical Education](#)
- [Technology \(Computer Science and Design Thinking\)](#)
- [Science](#)
- [Social Studies](#)
- [World Language](#)
- [Visual and Performing Arts](#)
- [Career Readiness, Life Literacies and Key Skills](#)

The changes to Comprehensive Health and Physical Education will include sexual health and personal safety instruction. Mrs. LoPiccolo will also go over parents'/guardians' rights if the changes to the curriculum in regards to sexual health and/or personal safety instruction are in conflict with a parent's/guardian's conscience, moral, or religious beliefs. For your convenience, we have created a [user-friendly parents' guide](#) to the standards parents/guardians can opt out of.

The Board of Education meeting will take place in-person on **November 22, 2021 at 6:30pm** in the theater. There will be a Zoom link available on the



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website on the day of the Board meeting. Public comments will be accepted from in-person attendees. However, if you are unable to attend the Board meeting and you would like to have your comment read during the meeting, please email it by 4pm on 11/22/21 to Mrs. Lori Tirone (ltirone@ftschoool.org) or Mrs. Karen Sutton (ksutton@ftschoool.org).

Additionally, if you have any specific questions regarding the potential curriculum changes that we can address during the presentation, please take a moment to fill out this brief [form](#).

Yours in education,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "ND", written in a cursive style.

Dr. Nicholas A. Diaz, Superintendent