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MYTHS VS. FACTS

MYTH

ESSB 5395 maintains local control for parents and elected School Boards.

School Districts may omit topics from the approved curricula by choice of the community or an elected School Board.

The curriculum mandates in ESSB 5395 are fully age appropriate.

FACT

ESSB 5395 is an **UNFUNDED MANDATE** that requires districts to only use curriculum approved by Olympia bureaucrats. **ESSB 5395 removes all local control from elected School Boards when it comes to CSE.** No other subject matter is dictated this way. In addition, there is no requirement for regular legislative oversight and the curriculum may be changed at any time by the CSE activists within OSPI. Which means school districts may be required to spend millions of dollars purchasing new classroom materials, at any time.

Not a single requirement of the Sexual Health Learning Standards may be omitted by districts, even at the request of parents. ESSB 5395 requires the CSE be taught without modification of any kind. There is ZERO local control over the explicit nature of required materials, or at what age they are presented. Neither parents nor School Boards have any right to modify what is mandated by Olympia bureaucrats.

Not everyone agrees on what age appropriate means. If you look at OSPI's approved curricula you will be surprised at what they deem age appropriate. Both "FLASH" and "3R's" are filled with very explicit content at very young ages. **Bureaucrats are NOT the best judge of what is appropriate for our children.**

MYTH

Parents may opt their children out of CSE.

CSE is medically and scientifically accurate and is effective in reducing teen pregnancy, STI's and associated sexual risk behaviors.

FACT

The intent of Comprehensive Sexual Education is to include it in every subject taught – from math, to English, drama and more. This was publicly stated by the OSPI bureaucrat writing the requirements all districts would have to obey. proponents of ESSB 5395 **REFUSED** an amendment that would have ensured CSE could not be integrated into other subjects. The opt out **ONLY** applies to specific Sex Ed instruction. There is no provision for parents to opt-out from any sex ed included in other academic subjects.

In a detailed review of 60 peer-reviewed studies of CSE across the United States, researchers found “there is no scientific justification for the designation of comprehensive sex education in U.S. schools as ‘evidence-based,’ nor for its broad dissemination in school settings.”

Dr. Stan Weed, director of the Institute, concluded, “When using a meaningful definition of effectiveness, the description of school-based CSE as ‘effective’ is simply not supported by this database that contains some of the strongest and most recent outcome studies of U.S. sex education available.”

Based on these critical new findings, the Institute has formally recommended that more rigorous standards be developed for CSE program effectiveness, and that all of the programs on the TPP list be re-evaluated according to those criteria.

The detailed report with citations can be found at:
www.institute-research.com/CSEReport