

Hello Battle Ground School Board members,

Thank you for your service to our community.

I'm writing in opposition to adoption of the FLASH curriculum. The community, and especially the parents, have not had the chance to get involved in this controversial topic.

Parents believe they viewed the sexual health curriculum on October 24, 2017, but that was nearly six months before it was discovered that the text needed to be replaced!

I have not met anyone who was aware, prior to the last board meeting, that we were in danger of having FLASH come to our schools.

Many of us have scrambled during this past two weeks to understand what is in the curriculum, what is the process for adoption, and why the urgency. We have been handicapped by the holiday closure, the short hours of normal operation and the restrictions on viewing. I'm sure it is not your desire or design, but everything seems to have worked against transparency and community involvement during this rush to implementation.

There is a lot wrong with the curriculum, but I will not add pages to this communication to point them out. I think the curriculum is dangerous for our children and I do not trust its promoters.

I believe there is plenty of interest and talent in our community to work with you to find suitable materials for our children's instruction.

I urge you to vote against accepting the second reading and give the community more time to get engaged. They will welcome the opportunity.

Sincerely,

Kenny & Renae Smith