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Subject: Parental Consent & Legislative Requirements -- A Message From: BSD Public Affairs

Dear Boise School District Families,

We have some important information regarding legislative requirements, parental consent and instruction related to human sexuality.

During the 2025 Legislative Session, the Idaho Legislature passed Senate Bill 1046a (Idaho Code 33-1637), which requires all public school districts to provide instruction on early fetal growth and development to all students in grades 5-12 and to any student who is in a class that discusses or provides instruction concerning human biology, contraception, or sexually transmitted diseases.

As a part of the fetal growth and development instruction, we are also required to include a "***high-definition ultrasound video, at least three (3) minutes in duration, showing the development of the brain, heart, sex organs, and other vital organs in early fetal development***" and the "process of fertilization and every state of development inside the uterus."

In addition to this state mandate, another section of Idaho Code (33-1611A) requires that a District ***may not provide such instruction on human sexuality without parental consent***. It states that the District must provide parents/guardians with notification of the content of the lesson, and require consent prior to providing the instruction to the student.

To summarize, the state required fetal growth and development video triggers state mandated parental consent for any instruction related to human sexuality.

Due to these conflicting laws, the Boise School District is providing you [with a direct link to the video](#) recommended by the Idaho State Department of Education. You have the opportunity to exercise your right to:

- Opt in by providing this content to your student or,
- Opt out by choosing not to show this video to your child.

Your choice as a parent will not impact your child's grade in any way. It will also not affect our district's curriculum or instruction regarding human sexuality, nor will it alter any prior parental consent you have given or refused regarding your child's access to educational materials.

Sincerely,
Boise School District Administration