

Wallaceburg Christian School Society - Board Policy Manual

Section: School Culture

Subsection: External Information

Subject: 1310-External Information

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Relaying external Information to Parents

From time to time, reputable organizations may approach the school and ask the Principal to pass information packets on to the parents of the school children. The school will agree to these requests with the following requirements:

1. A letter from the principal will accompany the informational material
2. The Principal will determine whether it is mandatory to pass along the information and indicate this in the letter.
3. The Principal's letter will include additional information (if advisable) that addresses the information from a Christian perspective.

Case Study – Relating to Gardasil – an HPV vaccination

Dear Parents:

The Health Unit has approached the school offering to vaccinate Grade 8 girls against Human papillomavirus (HPV) – a sexual transmitted disease. Enclosed is the information that they have requested to be delivered to the parents.

There are several items to note:

- It is not a mandatory vaccination.
- HPV is only known to be transmitted through intercourse.
- The vaccine is only good for a three year period.
- There are various strains that result in HPV. This vaccine only covers the 4 most common strains.
- There have been a small number of deaths related to the vaccination
- more information on the subject can be found at http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/HPV_vaccine or <http://www.family.org/socialissues/A000000357.cfm>
- Instead of being vaccinated against sexually transmitted diseases, our children should be taught to obey the biblical command to save sex for their spouse. Approving this vaccination may send an incorrect and inconsistent message to our children.

These vaccinations will not be permitted on the premises of WCS. Parents wishing to participate will need to schedule an appointment with the local Health Unit. The enclosed information provides all of the necessary contact information.

Although it was not mandatory to pass this information along to the parents, it was deemed appropriate to require parents to make this decision for their children.