



Policy Change Recommendation – JLB Health and Wellness Policy

TO: Dr. Joel Boyd, Superintendent of Schools
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DATE: August 17, 2019
RE: *JLB Health and Wellness Policy*

Recommend the School Committee consider eliminating this language from the Lowell Public School JLB Health and Wellness Policy:

Lowell High School shall provide access to condoms for students through the Lowell Community Health Center School-Based Clinic including appropriate health education and counseling services. Parents and legal guardians shall have an opt-out option for their child receiving condoms via completion of the exemption form found in the Lowell High School Student Handbook and notification of the school of the exemption as indicated on the form.

This recommendation is based on the Student Support Subcommittee meeting held on July 2, 2019. During that meeting, it was determined the Commonwealth of Massachusetts allows students to receive reproductive health services and it does not require parental consent. Following the elimination of this portion of the JLB Health and Wellness Policy, the Lowell High School handbook will be adjusted to include the removal of the parent opt-out form referenced in the policy above.