

This affidavit will be used in legal efforts to contest the newly revised MCPS health curriculum
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**AFFIDAVIT: RELIGIOUS OBJECTION
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, STATE OF MARYLAND**

I, _____, residing at _____
_____, hereby swear and affirm, in front of the undersigned notary, on
this _____ day of _____, the following facts:

1. I am the parent of a _____ grade student at the following Montgomery County Public School:
_____. I expect that my child will face the prospect of taking the newly revised Health Curriculum when he enters the 8th and 10th grade. I have carefully reviewed the newly approved (1/07) Health Curriculum for 8th and 10th graders.
2. I am a practicing member of _____, and I am fully committed to teaching my faith, religious beliefs, and core-values to my children.
3. As a practicing member of _____, I believe that homosexual sexual acts are immoral.
4. I believe that homosexual acts – no less than other extramarital sexual acts – are in violation of God’s teachings and commandments.
5. My faith tells me that “political” or social expediency must never trump God’s truth and will.
6. I assert that the new (1.07) Health Curriculum fails to adequately inform our young people (including my child) that the health risks of homosexual activity are substantially more dangerous than those of heterosexual activity.
7. I do believe that religious persons of good will are bound to take a loving and tolerant attitude toward other people. But tolerance must never be confused with acceptance of error.
8. I do believe that homosexuals, as all persons, are due my respect and consideration.
9. I advocate teaching our students to treat everyone with respect and dignity; likewise, I believe public schools should never denigrate the moral teachings of persons-of-faith.
10. The newly approved (1/07) Health curriculum is contrary to my faith beliefs: it treats homosexuality as the moral equivalent of heterosexuality.
11. The (1.07) Health Curriculum gives implied messages that negative attitudes toward homosexuality come from people who are prejudicial and homophobic. I regard such inferences to be prejudicial against me and others of my religious faith.
12. In a class where this curriculum is taught, my child—whom I have so responsibly taught—will risk accusations of homophobia and prejudice. I fear that my child will suffer the sense of being negatively stereotyped and implicitly insulted as being prejudiced and homophobic on account of our religious beliefs.
13. I am also concerned that this curriculum may cause, in my child, an erosion of our family’s religious beliefs.
14. I am also concerned that if I do not give my permission to my child to remain with other classmates for the controversial lessons, my child’s absence will be so conspicuous as to engender peer-ridicule, embarrassment, negative stereotyping, isolation, academic disadvantages, and eroded teacher-student relationships.
15. I anticipate that my child may feel seriously disrupted by having to leave class during the time of the controversial lessons. I anticipate that as my child spends lengthy periods of time sitting in the school library, he/she may feel conspicuous, embarrassed, out of place, less able to achieve his academic goals sitting in the library outside of a normal class, and possibly angry at me for placing him/her there.
16. I also anticipate parent-child and family conflict if we must “opt-out” of the curriculum.
17. I feel that the Montgomery County Board of Education is coercing our family into accepting this highly controversial Health Curriculum by not giving parents and families of faith and religious convictions like my own, any fair and equitable alternatives.

Signed:

MCPS Parent:

State of Maryland, Montgomery County

I, the undersigned being a notary for Montgomery County Maryland do hereby affirm that _____,
personally known to me or proven to me to be the same, did swear and affirm the foregoing in my presence and execute this affidavit
on this _____ day of _____, 2007.

Seal:

Notary: