Students

Availability of Condoms

The Governing Board recognizes that, according to research, many youth are engaging in sexual activity, and that such behavior can lead to increased risk of Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) infection and Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS), other sexually transmitted diseases, and pregnancy.

The Board strongly encourages students to abstain from sexual activity. However, the Board also believes it has a responsibility to take steps to prevent the spread of disease among students who do not abstain from sexual activity.

Condoms, when properly used, can lessen the chances of transmitting HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases. The Board therefore finds it appropriate for condoms to be available to male and female students at high schools, along with **Board Policy 5141.25** Adopted by the Board 12/8/94

information which stresses that abstinence is the only sure means or protecting against HIV, explains the effective use of condoms, and identifies unlawful sexual activity.

The Superintendent or designee shall notify parents/guardians of Board policy regarding the availability of condoms and shall seek parent/guardian involvement in developing plans for implementing this policy. The Board shall approve plans related to the availability of condoms prior to implementation.

Condoms shall be available to individual high school students at locations designated by the Superintendent or designee. Related information shall be provided at the same locations, and a licensed health care professional shall be available to counsel students.

Legal Reference: <u>Education Code</u> 49062 Records; establishment, maintenance, and destruction 49069 Absolute right to access 49422 Supervision of health and physical development of pupils 51201.5 AIDS prevention instruction <u>Family Code</u>: 6925 Prevention or treatment of pregnancy <u>Health and Safety Code</u>: 199.46 Further findings and declarations <u>People v. Beeman</u> (1984) 35 Cal. 3d 547, 561