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Dear Parent/Guardian:

On August 9, 2019, Governor J.B. Pritzker signed House Bill 246 (Public Act 101- 0227) into law. This bill requires schools to study the role and contributions of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people in the history of this country and this state. Additionally, no student may graduate from the eighth grade unless he or she has received such instruction in the history of the United States as outlined in Section 27-21 of the School Code and gives evidence of having a comprehensive knowledge thereof, which may be administered remotely.

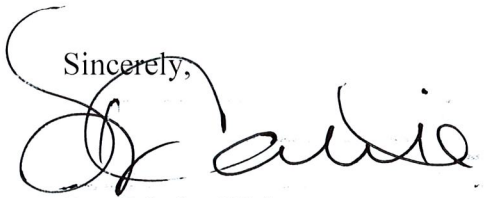
This letter is to inform you that during the week of May 16 through May 20, 2022, all 8th grade students will engage in a Social Studies unit of study pertaining to the roles and contributions of the LGBTQ+ community to Illinois and U.S. history. This unit will satisfy the requirement for 8th grade graduation as indicated in Section 27-21 of the School Code. Park Forest-Chicago Heights School District 163 has adopted policies which ensure appropriate and mandated curriculum is taught as required by the State of Illinois. Board Policy 6:60 Instruction: Curriculum Content (12) ensures that curriculum shall contain instruction on subjects required by State statute or regulation. The resources utilized during this curriculum study will be available for parents on May 16, 2022 and can be found at:

<https://www.isbe.net/Documents/Support-Students-Implementation-Guidance.pdf#search=curriculum%20law>

If you have any further questions, please contact your child’s social studies teacher or building principal, Dr. Timothy Craddock at tcraddock@sd163.com or Mrs. Kristin Foster at kfoster@sd163.com. You may also call the school office at 708-668-9603.

Thank you for your continued partnership.

Sincerely,



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