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Expert Panel to Discuss NJ Health & Sex Education Standards

The League of Women Voters of New Jersey's Women & Family Issues and Education Committees invite the public to join the panel discussion,

Moving Our Youth Toward a Healthier Future: Understanding and Supporting Quality Health and Sex Education in New Jersey. Monday, March 13 at 7:00 p.m. at the Morris County Library, 30 East Hanover Ave, Whippany, New Jersey.

Effectively delivered comprehensive health and sex education programs have been shown to improve academic success; prevent sexual abuse, dating violence, and bullying; help youth develop healthier relationships; delay sexual initiation; reduce unintended pregnancy as well as HIV and other STIs; reduce sexual health disparities among LGBTQ+; promote appreciation of sexual diversity; and prevent child sexual abuse.

The New Jersey standards (2020 NJSLS-CHPE) being implemented in the 2022-23 school year are based on research that make clear age-appropriate health education is essential for students' physical and emotional well-being. This education provides our youth with the knowledge and skills needed to make critical life choices.

Panelist:

Tazmine Weisgerber, Training and Technical Assistance Manager, Answer, Rutgers (answer.rutgers.edu)

Cynthia Samuel, PhD, NJ State School Nurses Association, Standards and Practices Chair (njssna.org)

Kerri Waibel, Equity & Access Administrator, Principal and Educator

Louis Waibel, Teen Advocate and Writer for Sex, Etc. (sexetc.org)

Jill Weber, President, Chatham Board of Education

The League invites us all to work together to ensure the effective implementation of these standards.

The program is hosted by the League of Women Voters of the Morristown Area (LWVMorristownArea.org) and will be live streamed on their YouTube channel @morristownareaLWV. [The program](#). This event is free and open to the public.

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