

## PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR COMMUNITY TO RESPOND TO SEAB RECOMMENDATION

*Taken from Revised School Code: 380.1507 Sec. 1507.*

(6) Before adopting any revisions in the materials or methods used in instruction under this section, including, but not limited to, revisions to provide for the teaching of abstinence from sex as a method of preventing unplanned or out-of-wedlock pregnancy and sexually transmitted disease, **the board of a school district shall hold at least 2 public hearings on the proposed revisions**. The hearings shall be held at least 1 week apart and public notice of the hearings shall be given in the manner required under section 1201 for board meetings. A public hearing held pursuant to this section may be held in conjunction with a public hearing held pursuant to section 1169.



### RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PUBLIC HEARING PARTICIATION

## PURPOSE

•“Prior to board action, the district must hold at least two public hearings on proposed revisions, at least a week apart, in the manner required under Section 1201 for board meetings.” Michigan Dept. of Education SEAB Commonly Asked Questions, 2007

•Public Hearing = to hear from public on the proposed revisions/recommendation

## POINTS TO REMEMBER

•School board members are public servants; doing a good service to our community.

•Public comments follow the same rules as School Board Mtg comments. Two or Three minute limit. Start by saying your name and address (or reference the sign in sheet that contains name and address if prefer to keep it private)

•Keep it positive. Being thankful is helpful. Keep the kids first!

## PLAN

•Show up! Just offering your presence says that you care about and are interested in what are kids are being taught.

•Be prepared to give a public comment. Plan ahead with a few thoughts about what you might want to say. Include supporting evidence and/or personal experience.