

FOR STUDENTS

- Make sure you write you are a student and tell them what school you attend.
- May is Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month
- Young people get a lot of misinformation from peers and the media. We need to get the facts without keeping information from us. We want to make the right decisions, but we need all the information.
- Young people have the highest rates of gonorrhea.
- 44,000 teens became pregnant in New York State in 2000.
- New York State has one of the highest teen pregnancy rates in the country.
- According to the CDC, approximately half of all new HIV infections occur in people under the age of 25.
- Telling us to “just say no” is unrealistic. Many students have already had sex and won’t listen to things like that.
- Sex education should start earlier so that students get the information before they have sex for the first time.
- We have a right to information and an education that teaches us the skills to say no to sex and how to protect ourselves if and when we do decide to have sex
- A realistic approach that helps us say no to sex but provides us with information about contraception
- It seems that the schools are so focused on our test scores, but they don’t care whether we get pregnant or get STDs. Shouldn’t they care about our pregnancy tests and HIV tests?
- I want legislators to pass the Age-Appropriate Sex Education Grant Program bill (A8599/S7201) so that my school can provide me and my friends with the information we need to protect ourselves.
- Adults need to get over it. Sex is everywhere. Help us protect ourselves.

FOR PARENTS

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- In 2000, more than 40,000 New York teens became pregnant. That is too many by any standard.
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- I need help talking to my children about sex and I think school is a great place to get that help.
- As a parent, I am deeply concerned by the tactics many schools are using to prevent unintended pregnancies and STDs among our young people. Abstinence-only programs leave young people in the dark, without real information about birth control and condoms.
- Sex education must be part of a standard education and cannot be considered fringe benefits. If our kids can't stay healthy, they won't be able to prosper.
- With the state being so focused on education, it is important to remember that we need to care about very important tests: pregnancy tests and HIV tests. It's most important our children pass those every time.
- Sex education that provides information about abstinence and contraception has been shown to decrease sexual activity among teens and increase their use of contraception.
- Investing in age-appropriate, medically accurate sex education is the right thing for New York State to do.
- I urge the New York State legislature to pass the Age-Appropriate Sex Education Grant Program bill (A8599/S7201) so that schools can provide vital information to our kids so they can make healthy decisions.

FOR TEACHERS AND EDUCATORS

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- Let's start teaching young people all the information they need to stay healthy. As a community, we must work together to ensure that a meaningful approach to pregnancy and disease prevention is taken by our schools, our neighbors, and our after-school programs.
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FOR CLERGY

- Our children confront much conflicting – and inaccurate – information about sex, from media messages that portray sex as just another recreational activity to preaching that demand strict adherence to a pledge of abstinence before marriage. To help make sense of confusion, I strongly support age-appropriate, medically accurate sex education to provide our children with correct and critical information for making informed decisions about sexual behavior.
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- We need to insure that our children honor the God given trust to make sexual choices on the basis of fact, not fiction.
- As a religious leader, I am deeply concerned by the tactics many schools are using to prevent unintended pregnancies and STDs among our young people. Abstinence-only programs leave young people in the dark, without real information about birth control and condoms.
- As a religious leader, I believe that sexuality is a God-given gift. To approach sexual decisions as responsible and spiritually empowered adults, our children need the truth about sex from reliable and trusted sources. I support age-appropriate, medically accurate sex education that teaches our children, in a manner consistent with the highest mandates of many a religious faith.
- My faith stresses the sanctity sexual behavior. The Age-Appropriate Sex Education Bill help our children to accurate and appropriate information in a manner consistent with the highest tenets of many a religious tradition. We owe our children nothing less.
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