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To whom it may concern:

I am writing to express my full support of the revised OSSE Health Education Standards. I am thrilled at the attention and energy given to this revision by the Office of the State Superintendent of Education. As a seven year, DC Charter School staff member, I have provided mental and emotional health education and coordinated sexual reproductive and personal health education for middle and high school students. In each instance of instructional development, critical medical, mental, emotional, and social health topics have not been properly accounted for in the health standards.

The proposed 2016 Health Education Standards offer a balance of topics across each strand, providing students with comprehensive exploration at each grade level. By aligning the health standards to the National Health Education Standards and the DC Health and Physical Education Assessment, students will have access to health education topics that correlate with national trends in research, education, and care.

If you have any questions about my support of the revised health education standards, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tia Marie D. Brumsted".

Tia Marie D. Brumsted, LICSW
Director of Student Wellness