

 Teach the Facts.org

**JUST SAY NOW  
TO COMPREHENSIVE  
AND  
INCLUSIVE HEALTH  
EDUCATION**

Sunday, September 25, 2005

1:30 pm

Bethesda Chevy Chase High School  
4301 East West Highway, Bethesda, MD

## ABOUT TEACH THE FACTS

TeachTheFacts.org is a grassroots group formed by Montgomery County parents to support health education based on research, scientific consensus, and sound medical and mental health practice. In November 2004, after careful consideration in a 2-year long public process, the Board of Education unanimously approved piloting revisions to the 8th and 10th grade curricula to provide basic information on sexual orientation, and a condom demonstration video for the 10<sup>th</sup> grade Health Class.

A small group opposed to the revisions attempted to recall the entire Board. In response, TeachTheFacts.org formed to support the Board's decisions. Our members have appeared on local and national media including CNN, MSNBC, and National Public Radio. Our activities have been reported by national news magazines and featured in syndicated news stories.

TeachTheFacts.org exists to provide a voice for Montgomery County residents who support inclusive family values. We want our children to have the finest education possible, based on accurate, scientifically-based information.

### WHAT CAN PARENTS DO?

1. Contact the Board of Education to make your concerns known. Individuals and groups may send written comments to the Board:

Montgomery County Board of Education  
850 Hungerford Drive  
Rockville, Maryland 20850

Correspondence sent to the Board president will be copied to all Board members.

E-mail communications to Board of Education members should be addressed to [boe@fc.mcps.k12.md.us](mailto:boe@fc.mcps.k12.md.us). All Board members will receive the message.

2. Read the curriculum. The current curricula being used in the 8th and 10<sup>th</sup> grades are available online on the Resources page of <http://www.teachthefacts.org>.
3. Go to the parents meetings held in your children's schools every year. Your children's health teachers are your best source of information about what actually happens in class.
4. Sign the petition today or at TeachTheFacts.org.

## PROGRAM

1:30 pm	Welcome and Introduction	Christine Grewell <i>Co-Founder of TeachTheFacts.org</i>
1:40 pm	Background History on Sex Education in MCPS	David S. Fishback <i>Former Chair, BOE/MCPS Advisory Committee on Family Life and Human Sexuality</i>
1:50 pm	The Medical Community's Understanding of Homosexuality	Dr. Paul A. Wertsch <i>Chair, American Medical Association's Advisory Committee on GLBT Matters</i>
2:05 pm	A First Hand Description of Reparative Therapy	Robert Rigby, Jr. <i>Fairfax County Safe Schools Coalition</i>
2:15 pm	Question and Answer Period	
2:30 pm	Presentation of the "Protect Yourself" Video Produced by MCPS	
2:35 pm	Why Support COMPREHENSIVE Sex Education?	Glenn Northern <i>Sexuality Education Policy Manager, Planned Parenthood Federation of America</i>
2:45 pm	A Health Educator's Perspective	Deborah M. Roffman <i>Health Educator and Author of <u>Sex and Sensibility: A Thinking Parent's Guide to Talking Sense About Sex</u></i>
3:00 pm	Panel Discussion with Q&A, Including: Dr. Kathy Woodward, <i>Adolescent Medicine, Children's National Medical Center</i> Brian Hutchison, <i>Graduate of Watkins Mill High School</i>	
3:30 pm	Keynote Address	The Honorable Ana Sol Gutierrez <i>Delegate to Maryland General Assembly and Former President of the Montgomery County Board of Education</i>
3:45 pm	Closing	Christine Grewell

**David S. Fishback** was Chair of the Montgomery County Board of Education's Citizens Advisory Committee on Family Life and Human Development from January 2003 until May 2005. A graduate of Blair H.S., George Washington U., and Harvard Law School, he has been an active volunteer in Montgomery County for more than 20 years, including service as Co-President of the Rosemary Hills Primary School PTA, a member of the Richard Montgomery H.S. PTSA Executive Committee, and a member of the County's Martin Luther King, Jr., Commemorative Committee.

**Christine Grewell** is a co-founder of TeachTheFacts.org. She is the mother of three MCPS students and the wife of an MCPS alumnus and former MCPS secondary school educator. A graduate of Charles W. Woodward H. S. and the University of Cincinnati, she has been a long term volunteer as a coach with the Montgomery County Recreation Department Little League Softball/Baseball, and as a make-up artist and chaperone for the Einstein H.S. Theater Department.

**Ana Sol Gutierrez** has represented District 18 in the Maryland House of Delegates since January 8, 2003, and is a former President of the Montgomery County Board of Education, having served on the Board from 1990 to 1998. A graduate of Pennsylvania State and American Universities, with further study in applied engineering at George Washington University, Delegate Gutierrez was Deputy Administrator for Research and Special Programs for the U.S. Department of Transportation during the Clinton Administration and has been featured by Hispanic Business Magazine as one of the "100 Most Influential Hispanics in the USA." She is a long-time member of the National Organization for Women and served as regional vice president for the National Hispanic Caucus of the National School Boards Association.

**Brian Hutchison** attended MCPS from Kindergarten through 12th grade and graduated from Watkins Mill High School. He came out as gay in high school at age 16 and dealt with the social consequences. He currently is a Senior Psychology major at the University of Maryland, College Park. He is also a Peer Educator for the LGBT Speakers' Bureau, and a Peer Minister for the Episcopal/Anglican Campus Ministry at the University of Maryland. After graduation, he plans on attending seminary to become an ordained Christian minister in the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches.

**Glenn Northern** has been active within the feminist community for over 12 years. A graduate of Williams College in political science and women's studies, he has worked with the Center for Policy Alternatives and at the Alan Guttmacher Institute. For the last six years he has been working at Planned Parenthood Federation of America; first in the education department, assisting affiliates with training and education, and most recently as the sexuality education policy manager, where he provides technical assistance to Planned Parenthood affiliates as they work in conjunction with other community partners to implement better sex education policies at the state and local levels. He lives in Rockville, Maryland, with his wife, son and three cats.

**Robert Rigby, Jr.** received a B.A. in Classical Languages and Mathematics from Dartmouth College in 1986. He later earned a Masters of Education at Virginia Commonwealth University. He currently is a special education math teacher at Falls Church High School in Fairfax County. After many years of involvement in reparative therapy and transformational ministries, he began to come out in 1998. In 2000, Mr. Rigby co-founded the local chapter of the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network (GLSEN). He now works with other teachers and community members supporting the formation and work of Gay-Straight Alliances in the area high schools, organizing five youth seminars (and dances) annually.

**Deborah M. Roffman** is a nationally certified Sexuality and Family Life Educator, and author of *Sex and Sensibility: The Thinking Parent's Guide to Talking Sense About Sex*. The former associate editor for education of the Journal of Sex Education and Therapy, she has written dozens of articles and commentaries for health and education journals and major newspapers. Her work has also been featured in Education Week, Teacher Magazine, USA Today, Parents Magazine, an HBO Special on parenting, and on NPR. Ms. Roffman has appeared on Nightline, The Early Show, the O'Reilly Factor, and on ABC's 20/20. She lives in Baltimore where she teaches human sexuality education (grades 4-12) at several independent schools in the Baltimore/Washington, DC area. More on her work may be found at [www.sexandsensibility.net](http://www.sexandsensibility.net).

**Paul A. Wertsch, MD** is a family physician practicing in Madison, Wisconsin, and is immediate past president of the Wisconsin Medical Society. He is the chair of the American Medical Association's Advisory Committee on Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender issues. Dr. Wertsch has been an active member of Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) since one of his children came out to him over 10 years ago. A graduate of the University of Wisconsin Medical School, he is board certified with the American Academy of Family Practice and holds the position of Associate Clinical Professor in the Department of Family Practice at the University of Wisconsin Medical School.

**Kathy Woodward, MD** is an adolescent medicine specialist in the Division of Adolescent and Young Adult Medicine and the Goldberg Community Pediatric Center at Children's National Medical Center, and a consultant for the Region III Title X Family Planning Program. A graduate of Wellesley College and Boston University School of Medicine, Dr. Woodward is a regional and national speaker on adolescent reproductive health. She was recently quoted in several local articles, including a Bethesda Magazine article on suburban teens.