

## For Immediate Release: Abstinence Opponent Responds to the Executive Round Table's Vote to Recommend the Sex Ed Curriculum *Get Real About AIDS*.

Pastor Bryan Longworth was not surprised by today's vote but believes that parents will be surprised when they find out the graphic, explicit content of the recommended curriculum. "I don't believe the majority of St. Lucie County parents support condom field trips and graphic condom demonstrations. While presented as a curriculum that will meet the approval of parents in the local community, *Get Real about AIDS* contains graphic, explicit content that I believe the majority of parents won't support," Longworth states.

***Get Real About AIDS***. This curriculum includes:

- **Condom Shopping Trips**
- **Graphic Condom Demonstrations**

The following are actual quotes from the curriculum. **Warning:** Many of these quotes are graphic and sexually explicit. Use discretion in reading:

- "*Get Real about AIDS* doesn't state that sex is good or bad, only that unprotected sexual intercourse is one way for HIV to be transmitted. At some point in their lives most people decide to have sex, however, and they need to understand the consequences of having sex – benefits as well as risks – before they make that decision." (*Get Real About AIDS*, Message to Parents, p. 6.)
- "Ask, 'When do you know that you're ready to have sex? And when do you know that you're not ready?'" (*Get Real About AIDS*, Grades 9-12: Lesson 4: Preventing HIV Infection, p. 2.)
- "Ask them to create two lists: ways in which relationships might change for the better after they've become sexual, that is, when the two people have had sexual intercourse; and ways in which relationships might change for the worse after they've become sexual." (*Get Real About AIDS*, Grades 9-12: Lesson 4: Preventing HIV Infection, p. 2.)
- "When used correctly and consistently, latex condoms are highly effective in preventing HIV infection and other STDs." (*Get Real About AIDS*, Message to Parents, p. 4.)
- "In 'Preventing HIV Infection,' students learn about condoms – how they prevent HIV transmission, how they're used, and how they can be purchased." (*Get Real About AIDS*, Grades 9-12: Message to Parents, p. 2.)
- "The condom should be put on as soon as the man gets an erection, should be worn throughout intercourse, and should be removed outside his partner's body immediately after ejaculation while his penis is still erect. The condom should be held firmly to keep it from slipping off." (*Get Real About AIDS*, Grades 9-12: Lesson 5: Preventing HIV Infection, p. 2-3.)
- "Demonstrate the use of a condom by unwrapping a condom and unrolling it over the index and middle finger of one hand." (*Get Real About AIDS*, Grades 9-12: Lesson 5: Preventing HIV Infection, p. 3.)
- "Putting on a condom can be an act of affection and of a commitment by each person to care for the other." (*Get Real About AIDS*, Grades 9-12: Lesson 5: Preventing HIV Infection, p. 3.)
- "Arrange students into their cooperative teams. Distribute the work sheet, **Point of Purchase**, to each student. Tell students that the object of the activity is for teams to determine how difficult it is to find condoms... When you get to the store, ask an employee where the condoms are, even if you already know. The idea is for you to describe the response of the employee. Complete the work sheet as well as you can. If the store you identify has no condoms, then go to another store. Remember, this isn't a game. This is a way to get important information to stay safe." (*Get Real About AIDS*, Grades 9-12: Lesson 5: Preventing HIV Infection, p. 4.)

Concerning the condom field trip, Mr. Longworth calls Mr. Lannon to keep his word. "Mr Lannon has given his word that he will not support a curriculum that has condom field trips. This curriculum has condom field trips. I call upon Mr. Lannon to keep his word and reject this curriculum."

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Longworth is a part of a group of concerned citizens that is gathering petitions in support Florida's current statutes Title XLVII, Chapter 1003, Section 47 which states, "Teach abstinence from sexual activity outside of marriage as the expected standard for all school-age students while teaching the benefits of monogamous heterosexual marriage." In addition, the petition expresses opposition of comprehensive Sex Ed curriculum, including *Get Real about AIDS*. (Please find the attached copy of the petition.) At Tuesday's St. Lucie County School Board meeting, one citizen presented petitions containing over 1,500 names of St. Lucie County Citizens. The group has also designed a flyer (copy attached) and a website, [www.SexEdFacts.com](http://www.SexEdFacts.com), to inform parents and concerned citizens about the content of the recommended curriculum. Notes, video, and links from his October 12 press conference can be viewed at his church website: [http://www.covenanttabernacle.com/covenant\\_tabernacle\\_sex\\_ed.html](http://www.covenanttabernacle.com/covenant_tabernacle_sex_ed.html).