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Dear, OUUSD School Board

I am a senior at Oxbow High School. I am writing from my American Government class. I would like to address in this letter a matter that I think is important to discuss. Before that, I want to say thank you for your patience and dedication to the school. Your hard work for the students and all members of the OUUSD community is very much appreciated. I want to thank you for taking the time to read what I have written.

The reason I am writing this letter is about education on Planned Parenthood in the school systems. A common misconception when people think about Planned Parenthood is that they believe the only thing they do is abortions. Planned Parenthood is not just that, it involves cancer screenings, birth control, HIV help, general healthcare, LGBT services, and much more.

I believe that Health classes should be educating us on all aspects as to what Planned Parenthood has to offer. Educating the students that go through the Health Class more about this would give a better understanding of how important it is for Planned Parenthood to be known. It should be acknowledged for its many beneficial services to our communities.

I understand that there is information out there already about Planned Parenthood and it is easily accessible, but I feel that it is the school's responsibility to help students learn more about their health, sexuality, and options out there. Because who else will do this for the students if they don't do it themselves? And in my opinion, most students will not access that information by themselves or know how to navigate it.

Most students feel embarrassed, alone, or even frightened because they don't know if they're going to be made fun of or not. Because of all the stigma, Planned Parenthood draws for helping with abortions. If a teacher educates a class that Planned Parenthood isn't bad; it would be much easier to influence young minds and teach them the safety measures and risks of everything involved.

Teaching students about everyday problems and risks, and the "what-ifs" will help them with more than sex education. So wouldn't it be better to prepare them for the future or today? Education on Planned Parenthood would help prevent the dread when an accident or anything happens, instead of a student finding out the hard way. Planned Parenthood services go beyond sexual scenarios and crises; it helps with healthcare, LGBT help, dental insurance, vision insurance, and much more.

In conclusion, schools can do a better job at educating their students on Planned Parenthood in Health Class.

I would like to hear your thoughts about this topic, and what you think of when hearing this news because I know there are things to discuss when hearing this. Thank you again for your time, and patience when reading this letter.

Sincerely, Niauna Roberts

