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Dear Parent/ Guardian,

Your child will be involved in an exciting program called *Safe Dates*. This effective, research-based program targets the attitudes and behaviors associated with dating abuse and violence.

As indicated in the enclosed newsletter, dating abuse can be a significant problem for teens as young as middle school. *Safe Dates* helps teens more clearly define what a healthy dating relationship is and what dating abuse is. It helps teens understand the causes and consequences of dating abuse, as well as the key ways to prevent dating abuse from happening.

We understand that some parents don't want their teens dating until they are older. *Safe Dates* does not push or promote dating, but it will prepare your child for the future when he or she may be dating.

Safe Dates also does not discuss any sexually explicit content. We will be talking about sexual assault (date rape), but in more general terms.

The goal of this program is to help teens be safe as they develop healthy relationships with friends.

Please feel free to read through the attached newsletter. As the parent of your teen, you play the most important role in keeping your teen safe in dating relationships. The newsletter provides some helpful tips in doing this.

If you should have any questions about the *Safe Dates* program or dating abuse in general, please do not hesitate to call

Sincerely,

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