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“Empowering our Children to be Safe, Strong, and Free”

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

From November 15 through November 22, 2019, all eighth graders will be participating in the NJ Teen Child Assault Prevention (CAP) Program in social studies class during two class periods. Your child’s teacher has posted a flier about the program on his or her Schoology page for reference.

The CAP Program aims to prevent child assault by teaching students to recognize and deal with potentially dangerous situations and by training teachers and parents/guardians to help prevent the victimization of children; their slogan “Empowering our Children to be Safe, Strong, and Free”. The program has two components: a parent/guardian program and individual classroom workshops for students. You can read more about this organization at njcap.org. As part of the Vernon community, we invite you to attend a meeting about the CAP Parent/Guardian Program.

Our parent/guardian program will be held Monday, November 4, 2019, at 6:30 p.m., at Glen Meadow Middle School. This program is for parents only. The parent/guardian program includes information on child sexual assault, identification of child assault victims, reporting of abuse, and crisis counseling skills. There will also be a detailed description of the students’ workshop.

The students’ classroom workshop combines guided group discussion with a series of role-plays focusing on situations students may sometime encounter such as a child-to-child assault, adult stranger-to-child assault and an assault involving an adult known to the child. Discussion helps students identify what options they have to protect themselves. The developmentally appropriate strategies focused on are self-assertion, peer support, and telling a trusted adult.

The success of the CAP Project depends on the support of the school community. Since we encourage students to share their experiences and concerns with adults, it is important for parents/guardians and school staff to be willing and able to respond to these concerns. As parents/guardians who are concerned about the safety of your children, we hope you will join with us on Monday, November 4, 2019, at 6:30 pm, to learn about this program.

Sincerely,

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