Dear Parents and/or Guardians:

We are pleased to inform you about the “Safe Teen” program, a safety presentation for children in 4th and 5th grade. “Safe Teen” is one of four presentations that the Child Abuse Prevention Program (CAPP) offers to children to teach them body safety. These personal safety programs are offered **free** to all children in the St. Louis metropolitan area.

Your child(ren) will have the opportunity to attend a “Safe Teen” presentation on

(day)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, (date)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, (time)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. The presentation lasts approximately 45 minutes. “Safe Teen” teaches children response skills and knowledge through non-threatening and age-appropriate lessons that will help them avoid potentially abusive situations. The “Safe Teen” program utilizes the 15 minute video, You Are In Charge of Your Body, as well as posters, stories, games and role-playing. Using these multimedia, children learn:

* To listen to their feelings and act upon them.
* To recognize physiological responses when in danger.
* Three basic safety skills: say NO to an inappropriate touch; run away to a safe place; and tell a trusted adult.
* If sexual abuse were to happen to them, it is not their fault.
* To identify tricks of potential abusers.
* To practice telling someone about a difficult subject.
* To identify people who can help.

This interactive presentation is both fun and educational. All participants receive an activity booklet that they are encouraged to take home and share with their families.

**If you DO NOT wish for your child to attend the presentation, please fill out the slip below and return it to your child’s teacher before the date of the program.**

Sincerely,

The Child Abuse Prevention Program Staff

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I DO NOT give permission for my child,\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, to attend the 45 minute

“Safe Teen” program on (date)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, (time)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

 Parent/Guardian Signature\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_