9-12 DESE Required Sexual Abuse Prevention & Harassment Training Letter to KSD Families

Dear Kirkwood High School Families,

The Missouri State Statute 170.045 requires that students in grades 6-12 receive trauma-informed developmentally appropriate, sexual abuse training. The school district shall notify parents or guardians in advance of the training required under this section, of the content of the instruction, and the parent's or guardian's right to have the student excused from the instruction.

As a District, we will use Vector ***Solutions*** to deliver this training to students**.** Vector ***Solutions*** is an online provider of safety and compliance solutions that help create safer and more inclusive schools. The trauma-informed, developmentally appropriate, sexual abuse training will include the following four virtual courses.

- What is Sexual Harassment (9-12)
- What Does Sexual Harassment Look Like (9-12)
- The Role of Influence and Consent in Sexual Harassment (9-12)
- Stopping Sexual Harassment (9-12)

In the upcoming weeks students will complete the training in their homeroom, and counselors will be available for students who need support or have additional questions.

Families choosing to ***excuse*** their students from the instruction must complete the following opt-out form.

As a reminder to families, all school staff are mandated reporters, but anyone can report suspected child abuse and neglect. Mandated reporters "who know or have reasonable cause to suspect" are required by law to report child abuse and neglect. The hotline number for making reports is 1-800-392-3738.

If you have further questions, contact your student's grade-level office.

Sincerely,

KHS Administration