Parent Notification & Opt-Out Form

Dear Parent or Guardian:

Our school will be hosting a presentation on OK2SAY – Michigan's student safety program for students in **[indicate which grades (4-5 or 6-8 or 9-12)]** on **[provide the date of the presentation]**.

The program is designed to inform students how they can help make their school and community safer by reporting dangerous and concerning behaviors to a trusted adult or OK2SAY.

Students in 4th – 5th grade learn about the OK2SAY student safety program, including how the tipline works. Students are encouraged to always talk to a trusted adult when they see or hear about something that makes them feel worried or unsafe. Students also learn essential tips and strategies for being safe online and off. The presentation emphasizes the difference between "tattling" and "reporting" and helps distinguish between rude, mean, and bullying behavior. Students will learn effective responses to cyberbullying and recognize techniques used by internet predators, so they are prepared to protect themselves from online harm. Please take a moment to review the videos featured in the presentation.

Students in 6th – 8th grade learn about the program's purpose and how the tipline operates, including what incidents can be reported, how to submit a tip, and the actions taken after a tip is received. Students are encouraged to examine their behaviors and make smart and thoughtful decisions both online and off. The presentation discusses many issues that impact middle school students including bullying, cyberbullying, mental health issues, self-harm, suicide thoughts, sexting/sextortion, types of abuse, and the predator threat. Throughout the presentation, students are encouraged to stand up for themselves and their peers and always to be mindful of the power of their words. Please take a moment to review the videos featured in the presentation.

Students in 9th – 12th grade review the program's purpose and how the tipline operates, including what incidents can be reported, how to submit a tip, and the actions taken after a tip is received. They will be taught how to recognize warning signs indicating that a peer or classmate may be in crisis or in need of assistance. The presentation will discuss many of the issues that impact high school students, including bullying, cyberbullying, mental health issues, self-harm, suicidal thoughts, sexting/sextortion, types of abuse, drug/alcohol abuse, and threats of violence. Throughout the presentation, students are encouraged to pay attention to what is happening around them and, if they are concerned about their safety or the safety of others, to step up and speak out. Please take a moment to review the videos featured in the presentation.

Additional information and resources are available at OK2SAY(ok2say.com).

If you do NOT want your child to participate, return the bottom of this sheet to your student's teacher by [**insert date**].

Sincerely,

Insert the principal's name or signature

I, **insert parent/guardian's name**, do NOT want my child, **insert child's name** to participate in the OK2SAY Student Safety Presentation.

_____Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date