



# Parent Notification & Opt-Out

Dear Parent or Guardian:

The Michigan Attorney General's office will be conducting presentations on student safety featuring the Michigan Cyber Safety Initiative (CSI) and the student safety hotline, OK2SAY. The presentation will be given for St. Joseph Public School students in grades K – 12 during the week of 9/14-9/18. A one-hour seminar for adults is being offered at St. Joseph HS at 7:30pm on Tues. 9/15 following back to school night at the high school.

The primary theme of the K – 1st grade presentation is the "3 Keeps." Students are instructed to (1) Keep Safe by carefully guarding their personal information online; (2) Keep Away from Internet strangers; and (3) Keep Telling parents or a trusted adult about anything that makes them feel uncomfortable. This presentation features videos from Common Sense Media that discuss important rules for being safe online and videos from Sesame Street that encourage children to seek the help of an adult they trust when faced with challenging situations like bullying.

In addition to the topics covered in the K – 1st grade seminar, the 2nd – 3rd grade students see two videos by BrainPOP Jr. The first video discusses the need to have permission to go online and to visit only sites where permission has been granted from a teacher or trusted adult. The second video emphasizes how to recognize and respond to a bully.

The 4th – 5th grade presentation teaches students to recognize common Internet predator grooming techniques, as well as additional appropriate responses to bullying and cyberbullying. Dynamic videos are provided compliments of SweetHigh, the Ad Council, the National Crime Prevention Council, ShakeState, and Ahmir. Lastly, the students are introduced to the OK2SAY student safety hotline, which is an early warning program designed to prevent violence in schools before it occurs.

6th – 8th grade students first get an in-depth explanation of OK2SAY through a video compliments of Lifetouch National School Studios. They learn what the OK2SAY program is, how it works, what types of incidents they can report, how to submit a tip, and what will happen with the tip. Students then get detailed explanations about bullying, cyberbullying, suicide, sexting, sexual abuse, the predator threat, and how to protect themselves online. Students will see two videos based on the stories of teenage Internet predator survivors provided by NetSmartz, they'll watch a video featuring students from Michigan that have died by suicide, the students will view a video showing the impacts of sexting, and they'll watch other videos provided by the Ad Council, Trend Micro, NetSmartz, KSL News, and Keenan West.

The high school presentation focuses on OK2SAY and teaches students how it works, what can be reported and how, and what will happen with the tip submitted by the students through a video done compliments of Lifetouch National School Studios. Students get in-depth explanations of bullying, cyberbullying, suicide, sexting, threats, dating violence, sexual abuse, and hazing. They will watch a video featuring Michigan teens that have died by suicide, they'll watch a video showing the impacts of

sexting, and they'll see videos featuring Michigan State University Women's Basketball coach, Suzy Merchant.

The community seminar provides practical tools including Internet safety tips and how to: 1) access the Michigan Sex Offender Registry; 2) understand the impact of digital footprints; 3) appreciate the risk of sharing photos with embedded location information; 4) recognize the potential dangers and legal ramifications of sexting; and 5) identify cyberbullying warning signs and develop a plan of action. This presentation will also cover what the students see in their respective presentations, as well as what OK2SAY is, and how it works.

Handouts used during our presentations, and additional information, can be accessed at the Attorney General's website, [www.mi.gov/csi](http://www.mi.gov/csi). More information on OK2SAY, as well as resources, is available at [www.mi.gov/ok2say](http://www.mi.gov/ok2say).

If you do NOT want your child to participate, return the bottom of this sheet to the main office of your student's school on the day of or prior to the day of the scheduled presentation.

Sincerely,

St. Joseph Administrative Team

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I, \_\_\_\_\_, do NOT want my child, \_\_\_\_\_, to  
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participate in the Michigan CSI / OK2SAY Internet Safety Presentation.

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

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_