



Bethany



Orange



Woodbridge

February 10, 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The health, safety and welfare of all students is a top priority in our districts.

Connecticut Public Act 14-196, An Act Concerning a State-wide Sexual Abuse and Assault Awareness Program, requires school districts to provide education to students in grades K-12 that addresses personal safety, body autonomy and healthy peer interactions. The primary focus of such a program is to teach each child that they have ownership of their bodies and that no one has the right to make them feel uncomfortable.

To fulfill the requirements of P.A. 14-196, the Bethany, Orange and Woodbridge elementary schools have formed a partnership with **Project Teach**, the community education division of the Rape Crisis Center of Milford, to provide age appropriate lessons to our students, staff training on how to handle disclosures of child abuse, and a parent/guardian informational night. Beyond the informational night, and prior to program implementation, parents/guardians will receive a Parents' Guide containing information about the grade level presentation and helpful tips on how to discuss and reinforce the lesson at home with their child. If, after reviewing the materials sent home in advance, a parent/guardian chooses not to have their child participate in the program, information will be provided on who to contact.

The purpose of this letter is to invite parents and/or guardians to an informational session on March 7, 2017 at 6:30 PM in the Amity High School Cafeteria. School administrators from the three districts and staff from **Project Teach** will be on hand to share examples of the age appropriate lessons from the program and to answer any questions.

We are certain this event will provide you with valuable information on **Project Teach**, the Crisis Center staff, grade level content and presentations, and other program elements to help you make an informed decision for your child's education and participation. If you have any questions prior to the Parent Informational Night, please do not hesitate to contact your child's school administrator.

In continued partnership,

Mrs. Colleen M. Murray
Bethany Superintendent

Dr. Vince Scarpetti
Orange Superintendent

Mr. Robert Gilbert
Woodbridge Superintendent

THE BETHANY, ORANGE AND WOODBRIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

ARE HOSTING A

**SEXUAL ABUSE PREVENTION PROGRAM
PARENT INFORMATIONAL NIGHT**

MARCH 7, 2017

AMITY HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA

25 NEWTON ROAD, WOODBRIDGE

6:30 P.M.

This informational night is planned for parents and guardians only. The event will include time to meet with the Project Teach staff, view examples of age appropriate lessons and have questions answered about the program.