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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 **Bronson Community School** students in grades **K-12** during the week of **September 11, 2017**.

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 uncomfortable. This presentation features a video from Common Sense Media that discusses important rules for being safe online and a video from Sesame Street that encourages children to seek the help of an adult they trust when faced with challenging situations like bullying. We also talk about the difference between tattling and telling so students know when it is appropriate to involve an adult.

The topics covered in the K – 1st grade presentation are addressed more thoroughly in the 2nd – 3rd grade seminar. The presentation discusses important rules for being safe online and encourages students to seek the help of a trusted adult when faced with challenging situations. Using Brain Pop videos, the presentation 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. The students are also introduced to the OK2SAY student safety program and encouraged to always talk to a trusted adult before contacting OK2SAY.

6th – 8th grade students see a video featuring peers who promote OK2SAY. Students 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 see a video about the power of words, the deceptive ways Internet predators target teens, along with a video featuring students from Michigan that have tragically died by suicide due in part to bullying. Students also see a video showing the negative impacts of sexting and they'll watch a video provided by the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children.

The 9th – 12th grade presentation focuses on student safety and OK2SAY. We teach students how OK2SAY works, what can be reported and how, and what will happen



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with the tips. Students get in-depth explanations of bullying, cyberbullying, suicide, self-injury, sexting, threats, dating violence, sexual abuse, and the dangers of drugs and alcohol. They watch a video featuring students from Michigan that have tragically died by suicide due in part to bullying and a video showing the negative impacts of sexting. They also view a clip about OK2SAY and a video that emphasizes the importance of empathy, perspective, leadership, and compassion. Students are challenged to pay attention to what is going on around them. If they see something that doesn't seem right, students are encouraged to step up and speak out.

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) realize the risk of sharing photos with embedded location information; 4) identify the possible privacy risks of different apps; 5) recognize the potential dangers and legal ramification of sexting; and 6) identify cyberbully warning signs and develop a plan of action. This presentation also covers what the students see in their respective presentations, as well as what OK2SAY is, and how it works.

You are encouraged to preview the videos your child will see at the [Attorney General's website](http://mi.gov/csi) (mi.gov/csi). More information on OK2SAY, as well as resources, is available on the [OK2SAY website](http://ok2say.com) (ok2say.com).

If you do NOT want your child to participate, return the bottom of this sheet to your student's teacher by **September 8, 2017**.

Sincerely,

Wesley W McCrea

I, _____, do NOT want my child, _____ to participate in the Michigan CSI / OK2SAY Student Safety Presentation.

_____ Parent/Guardian Signature

_____ Date