

### **3rd Grade Personal Body Safety**

The Hazel Park School District has approved a program of instruction for third grade students entitled "Break the Silence: Kids Against Child Abuse" by AIMS Multimedia.

In the video presented, physical abuse, sexual abuse, and neglect are explained in a way young children can understand. Four kids talk candidly about their abuse and their abusers as they describe how adults use fear, manipulation, and neglect to hurt children. As each story is told, animated versions of the child and the abuser help illustrate how the abuse happened and how it made the child feel. Each story ends happily. With the help of social workers, therapists, and foster families, these kids are receiving help and leading normal lives. The main point throughout the program is that children should tell an adult if they feel they are being abused, or if they know someone who is. Additionally, it is vital for adults to listen to children. Only when the silence is broken can the cycle of abuse end. This material will be presented by Mrs. Blair, Human Reproductive Health Coordinator, and / or the classroom teacher.

All topics and materials have been recommended by the Human Reproductive Health Education Advisory Board and approved by the Board of Education. The Advisory Board is made up of Hazel Park School District parents, students, clergy, educators, and interested citizens. If you as a parent or guardian are interested in being a part of the Advisory Board, please contact Mrs. Beverly Blair at Webster Elementary (248) 658-5529.

According to the state law in areas related to Human Reproductive Health and HIV/AIDS Prevention Education, you as a parent or guardian have the right to:

- 1) Be informed of the content of instruction: (included above)
- 2) View the materials to be used: Parent meetings on October 15 and 16th. If you are unable to attend one of these meetings, please contact Mrs. Blair to arrange a time to review the materials.
- 3) Observe the instruction in your child's classroom: Arrangements for observing in the classroom need to be made in advance with the classroom teacher.
- 4) "Opt" or excuse your child out of the instruction: If you choose to have your child "Opted Out" of the instruction, without penalty, please check with your child's teacher for the appropriate form or contact Mrs. Beverly Blair at the phone number listed above. It is important to note that if you have "Opted" your child out of Human Reproductive Health, HIV/AIDS Prevention Education in the past, they will remain "Opted Out" until you notify the school that you would like them "Opted In."

Sincerely,

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Superintendent of Schools

Mrs. Beverly Blair  
Human Reproductive Health Coordinator