Dear Parent/Guardian:

Your ninth grade student discussed sexual violence in their health education class today. Students learned about the different types of sexual violence, ways to prevent sexual violence, and how to get help if they are a victim. Sexual violence includes rape, date rape, incest, molestation, Internet predation, gang sexual abuse, and teen sex trafficking. Emphasis was placed on sexual violence not being the fault of the victim. In our next lesson we will further discuss Internet safety including guidelines for using social media platforms, keeping personal information safe, and the lures and techniques that Internet predators use to find their victims.

Of growing concern in Fairfax County is teen sex trafficking. Traffickers are using social media sites by posing as teens or interested and concerned young adults to establish a relationship and eventually meet their victims. Traffickers are also luring young people at shopping malls and metro stations. Fairfax County Public Schools is committed to ending teen sex trafficking and invite parents to view media on this topic at http://www.ebmcdn.net/fcps/fcps_video_viewer.php?viewnode=af7668b7c92dc (please see links below for subtitles in other languages) or visit the Just Ask Prevention website at http://justaskprevention.com. If you know of someone in need of immediate assistance, call the National Human Trafficking Hotline at 1-888-373-7888.

We encourage you to discuss teen sex trafficking and other forms of sexual violence with your student. We hope that this letter will begin or continue an ongoing dialogue between students and parent/guardian to help keep children safe.

Thank you for your consideration and partnership with schools to keep students safe. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Health Education Teacher

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Tricked - Parent (Vietnamese) http://www.ebmcdn.net/fcps/fcps_video_viewer.php?viewnode=3fcbba946ee10
Tricked - Parent (Korean) http://www.ebmcdn.net/fcps/fcps_video_viewer.php?viewnode=520731b4fc1cb
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