



# Wapsie Valley Community School District



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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Our school has chosen to participate in the "Take Charge of Your Body" Program this year. This program is a sexual abuse prevention program which was developed in 1985 by professionals from the Cedar Valley. This program is presented in elementary schools by trained staff and volunteers of the Family and Children's Council. ***The primary goal of the program is to teach children about safety with touching, and how to respond to unsafe situations that some children find themselves facing.*** Following the classroom presentations children may visit with staff and volunteers and if there are immediate concerns they are connected with a support person from the school.

The Take Charge of Your Body presentation from will take place in your child's classroom in **Readlyn on Wednesday, January 16** and in **Fairbank on Monday, February 11.**

Sexual abuse prevention MUST be ongoing throughout a child's maturation and messages MUST come from all areas of a child's life, including home, school, church, and other community groups. We believe that teaching sexual abuse prevention at school, along with parents reinforcing this message at home, is the most effective means of protecting children from sexual abuse.

This is a different sexual abuse safety program than has been used in the past, so we are offering an optional parent meeting on Tuesday, January 8 at the High School. The meeting will begin at 5:30 and any parent or guardian with questions about the program is encouraged to attend. If you are unable to attend but have questions or concerns, please contact Wapsie Valley Elementary Counselor Brian Smith via e-mail at [bsmith@wapsievalleyschools.org](mailto:bsmith@wapsievalleyschools.org) or by calling either Wapsie Valley elementary building.

## ***INFORMED CONSENT***

***Detach and return only if you DO NOT want your child to participate!!!***

Please sign and return prior to Friday, January 11 for Readlyn students or prior to Friday, February 8 for Fairbank students. If this form is not returned, we will assume you have **given permission** for your child to participate.

\_\_\_\_\_ **No**, my child cannot be present during the Take Charge of Your Body lesson.

Name of Child \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Parent signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_