

December 14, 2011

Dear Parents/Guardians:

We are pleased to advise you that our school district will again be participating in the Child Assault Prevention (CAP) Project for Teen Cap. Developed by the National Assault Prevention Center in Columbus, Ohio, CAP has been recognized by the New Jersey Task Force on Child Abuse and Neglect as “the most comprehensive prevention program in the country today.”

The TEENCAP student workshop for seventh graders combines guided group discussion and a series of scenarios to focus on situations teens may encounter. Topics discussed include peer assault, sexual harassment, battering, dating violence, and sexual assault. Strategies emphasized to protect teens include self-assertion, seeking help from a trusted adult, and self-defense.

The success of the CAP project depends on the support of the school community. Because children are encouraged to share their experiences and concerns with adults, it is important for parents and school staff to be willing and able to respond to these concerns. We invite parents to attend a CAP parent program, which includes information about prevention education, child sexual assault, identification of child assault victims, reporting of abuse, and listening skills. There will also be a description of the classroom workshops.

The parents’ program will be presented on January 9, 2012, at 6:30 p.m. in the Union School auditorium.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child’s participation in the classroom workshops, please contact the school office.

Best regards,

Joan Carrion
Principal

Please return this slip ONLY if you DO NOT want your child to participate in the Child Assault Prevention Project. Thank you.

I DO NOT want my child _____, to participate in the Child Assault Prefention Project.

Parent/Guardian Signature

_____ date: _____

