



## Home Connection

### Internet Safety and Teen Sex Trafficking

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Your seventh grade student discussed Internet safety in their health education class today. Many topics were discussed, including safety while using social media platforms like Instagram and Twitter, keeping personal information safe, and the lures and techniques that Internet predators use to find their victims.

One particular form of Internet predation that is occurring 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. 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](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://www.justaskprevention.com> for more information. 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 appropriate technology use with your student. Students were encouraged to talk with their parents about the social media they are using and to ask parents to help monitor their social media use. 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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