



Dear Parents/Guardians,

August 25, 2017

This is an important message from Mr. Devon Marine, principal of Greenfield Intermediate School. Indiana Senate Bill 355 was passed in the spring 2017 legislative session, and this bill requires all public schools in the state of Indiana to provide all children grades K-12 with child abuse and child sexual abuse education.

In response to this, Greenfield-Central Community School Corporation is pleased to partner with Kids Talk through Aspire Indiana to bring a program called *Body Boundaries* to all of our K-6th grade students this September. *Body Boundaries* is an evidenced-based prevention program for students that educates children on body safety and digital media safety. It instructs children about these types of dangers and what to do if faced with abuse, teaching children that they should tell a trusted adult if someone is harming them. This program is customized according to the cognitive abilities of children of all ages and is based on criteria determined by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children and by the Gunderson National Child Protection Training Center.

At GIS, the *Body Boundaries* program will be presented in 4th and 5th grade classrooms on Wednesday, September 27, and in 6th grade science classes on Friday, September 29. Two trained social workers from Kids Talk with expertise in the area of child sexual abuse prevention will present the program to all of our students. Kids Talk has a partnership with the Department of Child Services (DCS), and DCS staff will be on site during the program to speak with any children who express safety concerns after the program is presented.

We invite you to a corporation-wide **informational parent night on Wednesday, September 6 at 6:30 PM in the J.B. Stephens cafetorium**. Julie Coon, one of the presenters with Kids Talk, will provide a preview of the *Body Boundaries* program and answer any questions you might have regarding the presentation. We encourage you to join us!

Although not required, each student's attendance in the program is strongly recommended. If you would like to request that your child **NOT** participate in *Body Boundaries*, you **MUST** complete an opt-out form. Please contact Mrs. Kimberly Hunt, School Counselor, for a copy of this form. All opt-out forms must be returned to the school office by September 8, 2017. Please also direct any questions regarding the presentation to Mrs. Hunt, at 317-462-6827x361228 or kshunt@gcsc.k12.in.us.

To learn more about Kids Talk Body Boundaries program, please visit their website: <http://www.aspireindiana.org/body-boundaries>.

Thank you for your support in keeping the children of Greenfield-Central Community Schools safe.