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Dear Parent/Guardian:

The Archdiocese of Philadelphia is committed to providing a safe, secure, and healthy environment that allows all students to maximize their learning potential. As part of our Safe Environment child abuse prevention program for young people, your child will participate in a bullying prevention class.

As a result of this lesson, your child should understand the definition of bullying, be able to identify different types of bullying, and describe how it occurs. Students will explore the motivation and feelings of all the parties in a bullying incident, and will be provided instruction on how to get help if they are being bullied. Additionally, students will discuss guidelines for school-wide expectations, as well as social and moral responsibility inside and outside of the classroom. Since bullying is almost always observed by others, students will be taught to *be more than a bystander... to be "An Intervener"*.

Interveners can play key roles in preventing or stopping bullying by taking the following steps when they see bullying occur:

- Discourage the bully by defending the victim or redirecting the situation.
- Comfort the person being bullied.
- Get help by rallying support from peers or reporting the bullying to adults.

Although sometimes being "An Intervener" can be the more difficult path, it is the right thing to do. Let your child know that you will support them, if and when they step forward.

You may view the video your child will watch in class and access some excellent information and resources at PACER Teens Against Bullying website at www.pacerteensagainstabullying.org.

Coed and all-girl schools will view "[Cyber Set-Up](#)"

All-boys schools will view "[Out of Bounds](#)"

Remember open communication with your child is a key to success in all child abuse prevention efforts. [Tips for Establishing Open and Honest Parent-Child Communication](#) can be found on the Office for Child and Youth Protection's website at www.childyouthprotection.org under Protect- Resources for Parents.

Please feel free to let us know if you have any questions.

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