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Dear Parents:

When schools and teachers place a high priority on developing personal and social skills in students, they are simultaneously taking steps to ensure the students' safety, security and success in school. Current research shows that peer-to-peer harassment and sexual harassment can have a negative effect upon a child and, if pervasive, can seriously impede their academic progress.

In an effort to prevent problems before they occur, Aptos Junior High School will be providing a Sexual Harassment Awareness Seminar for our students again this year.

No Excuses-Sexual harassment.

Students will be provided with the following information as it relates to California Education Code 49800.2 – Sexual Harassment:

1. What is sexual harassment? What does it look like?
2. Why is sexual harassment not acceptable?
3. What are the effects of sexual harassment?
4. What can you do to report and/or prevent sexual harassment?

We feel this information is important for every student. If you have questions, concerns or would like to preview this program on Monday, November 9th in room 1 at 3:30p.m. Please call 688-3235 to let us know if you wish to attend.

If you do not want your student to participate, please send a note to their physical education teacher stating your preference.