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Dear Parent and/or Guardian:

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

You can use the following links to view the two short videos your child watched in class today, you can use these links:

[\*Bullies and Bystanders: What Teen Say\*](#)

[\*Bullies and Bystanders: What Experts Say.\*](#)

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 explored the motivation and feelings of all the parties in a bullying incident, and were provided instruction on how to get help if they are being bullied. Since bullying is almost always observed by others, students were taught the slogan, “Don’t Stand By. Stand Up!” Although sometimes ‘standing up’ 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.

Remember open communication with your child is a key to success for awareness and prevention 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](http://www.childyouthprotection.org) under Protect- Resources for Parents.

Thank you for all that you do to keep our children safe during the month of April, National Child Abuse and Prevention month and every day. We hope that what was shared with them today and supported by you at home will empower them to continue to confront any possible scenario they may be exposed to now and in the future. Please feel free to let us know if you have any questions.

As always, your partner in prevention,

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