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## Staying Safe Limited Rollout

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Gregory-Portland ISD will begin offering a limited rollout of **Staying Safe**, a student safety response program to select classes during the month of May. The program provides age-appropriate activities and lessons that teach students basic safety actions as part of a life skills approach to safety. Developed by Safe and Sound Schools in partnership with the Texas School Safety Center and the Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training Center at Texas State University, the program aims to equip students for various safety situations in a way that builds confidence and preparedness.

Under the direction and support of our G-PISD School Resource Officers and Safety and Security Dept., teachers and staff participating in the limited-rollout will receive specialized training to deliver the program, tailoring it to the appropriate developmental level of each of our students. All instructional staff are scheduled to receive this training prior to the 2025-26 School Year. All activities and instruction will prioritize skill building, critical thinking skills, and personal empowerment while reinforcing the commitment of our public safety partners and school staff to supporting student safety. Importantly, the program does not involve simulated threats, dramatic enactments, or potentially stressful stimuli. Instead, the program aims to teach the behaviors, actions and steps our students can take to be safe in a variety of settings and situations, similar to the way we prepare for fire safety—through education, practice, and regular safety drills to maintain and improve our readiness for safety.

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This limited rollout will include a total of thirty (30) teachers spread across all G-P Campuses. An Opt-Out Form will be sent home for all students who would be participants with these piloting teachers. The following vocabulary will be introduced and utilized in discussions, activities, and exercises during this limited rollout. If your student is participating, we encourage you to continue the conversation at home, reinforcing these concepts and skills for general use at home and in the community.

**Elementary Grade Levels** will learn the following basic actions and vocabulary to be used independently or in combination for various safety situations:

- **Get Out** - Get out of or away from danger if possible.
- **Keep Out** - Keep danger out if your space is safe. Lock the door.
- **Hide Out** - Stay out of sight. Stay quiet. UNLESS in a fire safety situation.

**Secondary Grade Levels** will learn the following basic actions and vocabulary to be used individually or in combination for various safety situations:

- **Avoid** - Know your exits. Get away from the danger if it is safe to do so.
- **Deny** - Lock and block the door. Lights off. Stay out of sight.
- **Disrupt** - Interrupt the actions of the unsafe person or situation

We will host two informational sessions for any parent or guardian who wishes to learn more:

1. Virtual meeting on Wednesday April 16<sup>th</sup>, @6PM via this link [Staying Safe Teams Meeting Link](#)
2. In-person meeting on Thursday April 17<sup>th</sup> @6PM at [TM Clark Elementary Cafeteria](#)

Thank you for partnering with us to build a safe school environment.

Sincerely,

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