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Dear 7-12 Lowellville Parent/ Guardians,

On Monday, April 29, 2024 and Wednesday, May 1, 2024 students in grades 7-12 will participate in The Foundation United SPEAK UP curriculum. Specifically, students in grades 7th and 8th will participate in the SPEAK UP: *Empowered* curriculum and 9-12th grade students will participate in the SPEAK UP: *Freedom* curriculum. The presentation and curriculum is approved by the Ohio Department of Education and is a part of Senate Bill 288 mandated requirements. Instruction in child sexual abuse prevention and sexual violence prevention is a required part of the district's curriculum. 7-12th grade students will focus on dating violence prevention education and sexual violence prevention education. The lessons in SPEAK UP teach students how to recognize the red flags of sex trafficking and sexual abuse.

Upon request, parents and legal guardians may examine the SPEAK UP: *Empowered* and *Freedom* instructional materials in accordance with R.C. 3313.60. Upon written request of the student's parent or guardian, a student will be excused from taking instruction in dating violence prevention and sexual violence prevention.

The purpose of the upcoming presentations is to protect students by educating them about these topics through an approved and evidence-based curriculum.

Please, feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns that you may have. If you choose to not have your student participate, please simply send a written request with your child to be turned into the main office indicating that you would like your student opted out of the SPEAK UP presentation.

Thank you,

Tracy Vivo, Behavioral Health and Wellness Coordinator

Tracie Parry, Principal

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MISSION

The Lowellville Local School District will educate, empower and challenge our students to reach their individual potentials by providing an environment where tradition, community and excellence create productive members of a global society.