# Parent Notification & Opt-Out Form

Dear Parent or Guardian:

Our school will be hosting a presentation on [OK2SAY – Michigan’s student safety](http://www.ok2say.com/) program for students in **5th-8th Grade** on **Monday, November 27th**.

The program is designed to inform students how they can help make their school and community safer by reporting dangerous and concerning behaviors to a trusted adult or OK2SAY.

Students in 5th – 6th grade learn about the OK2SAY student safety program, including how the tipline works. Students are encouraged to always talk to a trusted adult when they see or hear about something that makes them feel worried or unsafe. Students also learn essential tips and strategies for being safe online and off. Thepresentationemphasizes **the difference between "tattling" and "reporting"** and helps distinguish between rude, mean, and bullying behavior. Students will learn effective responses to cyberbullying and recognize techniques used by internet predators, so they are prepared to protect themselves from online harm. Please take a moment to [review the videos featured in the presentation](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLIwM-zOlzVR6y4vJO0CYmIaXlmq1N-B67).

Students in 7th – 8th grade learn about the program's purpose and how the tipline operates, including what incidents can be reported, how to submit a tip, and the actions taken after a tip is received. Students are encouraged to examine their behaviors and make smart and thoughtful decisions both online and off. The presentation discusses many issues that impact middle school students including bullying, cyberbullying, mental health issues, self-harm, suicide thoughts, sexting/sextortion, types of abuse, and the predator threat. Throughout the presentation, students are encouraged to stand up for themselves and their peers and always to be mindful of the power of their words. Please take a moment to [review the videos featured in the presentation.](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLIwM-zOlzVR7tFfyBsfYJmIx3sN-fNYPz)

Additional information and resources are available at [OK2SAY](http://www.ok2say.com)([ok2say.com](https://www.ok2say.com/)).

If you do NOT want your child to participate, return the bottom of this sheet to your student's teacher by **November 27th.**

Sincerely,

**Kim Thayer**

I do NOT want my child, **Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** to participate in the OK2SAY Student Safety Presentation.

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_