

November 1, 2023

Dear Parents:

Beginning Monday, November 13, 2023, the 8th grade students of The Readington Township School District will be participating in the Child Assault Prevention(CAP) Project. The Teen CAP project aims to prevent child assault by teaching adolescents to recognize and deal with potentially dangerous situations, and by training teachers and parents to help prevent the victimization of children. The program has three components: a parent program, a teacher/staff in service, and individual classroom lessons for students in 8th grade.

The goal in providing the Teen CAP training is to empower our students to protect themselves from violence, harassment, cyber bullying, sexual assault and other potentially dangerous situations. The classroom lessons combine guided group discussions with a series of roleplays focusing on situations children frequently encounter that include: a child-to-child assault; adult stranger-to-child assault; and an assault involving an adult the child knows. The group discussions help adolescents identify what options they have to protect themselves where Teen CAP will focus on self-assertion, peer support, and telling a trusted adult.

The success of the CAP project depends on the support of our school community. Students will be encouraged to share their experiences and concerns with trusted adults. It is important for parents to attend the training session to be empowered to respond to these concerns.

If you **do not** want your child to participate in the Teen CAP program, please complete the form below and return it to my attention **no later than** Wednesday, November 8, 2023.

Sincerely,
Brad Klippel
8th Grade School Counselor

COMPLETE ONLY IF YOU DO NOT WANT YOUR CHILD TO PARTICIPATE

I **DO NOT** want my child _____, to participate in the Child Assault Prevention Project/Teen CAP program.

Parent/Guardian Name (Print)

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date