

Dear Parent(s)/Caregiver(s),

In 2018 the District of Columbia signed into law the 2018 School Safety Omnibus Amendment Act which requires that DC schools address and prevent child sexual abuse. In efforts to fulfill the prevention component of the mandate, schools have adopted curriculums for students to accomplish this goal. **Ludlow Taylor Elementary has chosen to participate in the Healthy Relationships Project (HRP) evaluation study being conducted by Northeastern University.** HRP is a health-based, developmentally appropriate, trauma-informed child sexual abuse prevention curriculum for children in grades Pre-K to 5th grade. This curriculum was developed by Prevent Child Abuse Vermont and has been implemented in 29 states and the District of Columbia for over 30 years.

The HRP curriculum will be taught in Fall 2024. The topics that will be covered in the [Care for Kids](#) curricula (grades PreK-2nd) are "Asking for Help", "Feelings", "Bodies", "Babies", and "Asking for Permission". The topics that will be covered in the [We Care Elementary](#) curricula (grades 3rd – 5th) are "Relationships", "Bodies & Body Language", "Coping/Empathy", and "Adult Support Resources/Asking for Help". HRP is not a curriculum about sexual education; instead, it is a curriculum that helps children build skills to identify feelings that make them safe or unsafe, identify boundaries, use anatomically correct terms, and identify safe adults.

As a Parent/Guardian/Caregiver:

- You will be invited to attend workshops on topics relating to the prevention of child sexual abuse during the semester.
- You will be asked to participate in periodic online surveys about your knowledge, attitudes, and behaviors regarding child sexual abuse prevention.
- A small number of caregivers from each school will be invited to participate in a one-on-one virtual interview with a researcher from the evaluation team to share your thoughts and experiences.

You will be invited to attend a Caregiver Orientation and Caregiver Workshops on the Healthy Relationships Project on Tuesday, September 24, 2024 at 6pm. The meeting will be held virtually. More information about this event will be communicated **via the PTO list serve and via email.**

If you have questions about the curriculum or specific lessons, please feel free to contact **Kevin Stafford** at Kevin.Stafford@k12.dc.gov for more information. Also, please contact Kevin Stafford if you wish to seek learning accommodations for your child/children or if you would not like your child/children to participate during the scheduled time of the project implementation.

Respectfully,

Kevin Stafford