

# DID YOU KNOW?

Children who receive school-based education about child sexual abuse are 3.5 times more likely to report if they had been/were being abused, compared to children who did not receive that education.

- Walsh K and Zwi K, et al., 2015.



Dear Parent,

I am excited to share that our school will be implementing a new counseling program this school year called “Safer, Smarter Teens.” We were one of the middle schools in Pasco County who have chosen to pilot this important curriculum, which will be expanded to all Pasco County Schools in 2017-18. This is a personal safety curriculum that empowers students to protect themselves in situations where they could be harmed. It is age-appropriate and provides practical strategies to help teens protect themselves without being explicit or frightening. Each year, students will be taught two of the six lessons with a content progression. The activities in the Safer, Smarter Teens program have been designed to meet existing educational standards while imparting critical personal safety information.

If you would like to learn more about Safer, Smarter Teens and the organization that developed the curriculum, Lauren’s Kids, please visit: <https://safersmarterteens.org>  
You may also contact me with any questions about the curriculum.

Sincerely,

RRMS School Counselors

**SAFER, SMARTER TEENS**