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Dear Parents & Guardians,

On Thursday, March 30th, we will be hosting a presentation given by the MARC (Massachusetts Aggression Reduction Center) Program at Bridgewater State University. This will be an anti-bullying presentation, hosted by a BSU graduate student trained in MARC's research-based curriculum. The assembly will address bullying prevention and focus on many different forms of bullying, including cyberbullying. It will be a developmentally appropriate assembly, grouped by grade, with Grades 4-6 participating from the 9-10am hour and Grades 7 & 8 participating from 10-11am.

Both presentations will be targeted toward anti-bullying education and discuss cyberbullying on a developmentally appropriate level. A few of the points this assembly will be stressing are that bullying behavior is not desirable even when displayed by high-status peers and the importance of raising awareness through influential figures in students' lives (often teachers or trusted adults for younger students and role model peers for middle school students and older). The MARC program also emphasizes the importance of ongoing education regarding bullying awareness and curriculum, which St. Francis of Assisi will be working to implement.

SFA highly recommends that all students participate in this assembly, as we believe it is a very relevant and important topic that is essential for the growth and education of our student population. However, if for any reason you do not feel comfortable with your child attending, please sign and return this form to the school office. Please note that any child who has **NOT** returned the slip **WILL** participate in the assembly. If you have any questions regarding the assembly, do not hesitate to get in touch with Mrs. Wilkinson at bwilkinson@sfab.org or (781) 848-0842 x16. If Mrs. Wilkinson is not immediately available (due to impending maternity leave), Mr. Cote will be available to answer any questions as well.

Thank you and we are looking forward to an educational and informative assembly!

_____ I do NOT permit my child to participate in the MARC Anti-bullying Student Assembly.

Student Name _____

Parent/Legal Guardian Name _____

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature _____

Date _____