

# *Similkameen Elementary - Secondary School*

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Subject: Important Presentation on Drug Facilitated Sexual Assault - October 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As part of the district's ongoing commitment to ensuring the safety and well-being of our students, we are pleased to inform you of a special presentation in recognition of National Domestic Violence Awareness month in Canada. The school district is partnering with Desert Sun Counselling to offer all students in Grades 9-12 the opportunity to attend the thought-provoking play "Dissolve" on October 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> at the Venables Theatre in Oliver. SOSS school students will attend on Wednesday morning October 18<sup>th</sup>, while OSS & SESS students will attend on the morning of the 19<sup>th</sup> and will be bussed to the presentation.

"Dissolve" is a powerful play that addresses the serious issues of drink spiking and drug-facilitated sexual assault. It is designed to stimulate meaningful discussion around these topics and tackle related issues, such as sexual assault myths, the impact of this violence, and the lack of awareness often surrounding it.

We understand that the content of this presentation is sensitive and may be triggering to some students. Therefore, we want to assure you that school counsellors, along with counsellors from Desert Sun, will be present during the show to provide support and guidance as needed. We prioritize the emotional well-being of our students, and we are committed to creating a safe and supportive environment for all.

The safety and education of our students are of utmost importance to us, and we believe that events like this presentation can contribute to raising awareness and fostering a safer community. We encourage you to discuss the topic with your child before and after the presentation, as it can be a valuable opportunity to engage in meaningful conversations about these important issues.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this presentation, please do not hesitate to reach out to your school administration.

Thank you for your continued partnership in our mission to provide a safe and nurturing learning environment.

Sincerely,



Naryn Searcy, Principal