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January 12, 2018

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Your student has been selected by staff at **READING MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL** to participate in a unique gender-based violence prevention training as a part of Game Change: The Patriots Anti-Violence Partnership with the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office. Nationally, one in three young people is the victim of physical, sexual, or emotional abuse from a dating partner. Through this partnership, we are working to end violence in our community. The training is offered by Northeastern University's Mentors in Violence Prevention (MVP) Program and will occur on January 25, 2018 and January 26, 2018 from 8:45am-2:11pm on both days.

The MVP Program, founded in 1993, motivates student-leaders to play a central role in solving problems that have historically been considered "women's issues," including rape, battering, sexual harassment, and sexual assault. Utilizing a unique bystander approach to prevention, the MVP Program views student leaders not as potential perpetrators or victims, but as empowered bystanders who can confront abusive peers.

After participating in the training, your student will be equipped to train their peers in anti-violence strategies. If you would like your student to participate in this program, please sign and date this letter and return it to **RMHS Athletic Office** with your student.

Sincerely,

Thomas Zaya, Assistant Principal

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I, _____ am requesting that my student _____, participates in

the Mentors in Violence Prevention (MVP) Program training on January 25, 2018 and January 26, 2018 from 8:45am-2:11pm on both days.

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Signature _____

Date _____

Please return this signed permission slip by January 23, 2018 to the RMHS Athletic Office at 62

Oakland Rd. Reading, MA 01867

Thank you.