

# Hoosic Valley Central School

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Dear Parents and/or Guardians,

I am writing to you to let you know that representatives from St. Peter's Health Partners in Troy will be meeting with the 10th, 11th, and 12th grade students on Monday, March 20th, Tuesday March 21st, and Wednesday March 22nd to present the Mentors in Violence Prevention (MVP) program. MVP is a leadership and education program specifically for teens focused on preventing gender violence (battering, sexual harassment). MVP trainings are a series of highly interactive and facilitated discussions, instead of lectures. They provide concrete tools for confronting, interrupting and preventing gender-based violence. Research has shown that the more options a person has available to them, the more likely they are to non-violently intervene.

MVP engages the community through education, training, and sports to promote positive cultural change. The goals of MVP are to raise awareness, challenge thinking, open a dialogue and inspire leadership. As a school we are continually striving to educate our students about ways to lead healthy and productive lives. Presenting this program to our students will help educate them about the boundaries that must be maintained between male and female students. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at 753-4458 ext. 2504.

Sincerely,



Eric F. O'Brien  
K-12 Assistant Principal