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November 21, 2018

Dear Grade 8 Parents,

Every year Grade 8 students at Howe attend an annual workshop by TCO<sup>2</sup> (Taking Care of Ourselves, Taking Care of Others). This workshop is an interactive educational opportunity revolving around internet safety and sexual exploitation. The workshop consists of: original dramatic roles, relevant youth friendly media, interactive discussion & resources, and youth talking to youth.

The National Centre for Missing and Exploited Children reports that 1 out of 5 children have been approached online! Students will be challenged to consider their online identity, and their permanent online record. They will be given tools in this workshop to protect themselves from exploitation.

Should you wish to attend the workshop, TCO<sup>2</sup> will be presenting a session with each pod of Grade 8s on December 7<sup>th</sup> 2018. The workshop will be held in the Learning Commons (Library). Should you have any questions or concerns about this workshop please contact Mrs. Custodio (YCW) at (604) 859-8700.

Sincerely,

**Grade 8 Teachers**