Culver City Unified School District Anti-Bullying Initiative

Presents



A Criminal Teen Trend

An Educational Forum

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When: Wednesday, March 24, 2010 Where: Robert Frost Auditorium Time: 7:00 to 9:00 pm

"Sexting" (a combination of "sex" and "texting") is taking sexually revealing photos of yourself or someone else and sending them as a text message attachment. Sending sexually explicit messages is also a form of "sexting." Increasingly, kids worldwide "sext" to show off, to entice someone, to show interest in someone, or to prove commitment.

By attending this educational forum, parents can learn about a trend that can be considered a form of "cyber bullying" and carry criminal penalties. Sending sexually explicit images of minors on a cell phone is punishable by California law and can be penalized by a fine of \$2,500 or a jail sentence up to three years.

Don't wait for an incident to happen to your child or your child's friend. Talk to your children regarding the consequences of "sexting."

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