

*D*evoted to *E*ducate, *M*entor and *I*nform

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We, the _____, recognizing the following:

- * Teen dating violence runs across race, gender, and socioeconomic lines.
- * Both females and males are victims.
- * 1 in 5 teens are physically or sexually abused by their partner.
- * 1 in 3 teens will experience some form of dating abuse.
- * Teenage girls and women between the ages of 16 to 24 experience the highest rate of dating violence.
- * Domestic violence is the leading cause of injury to teenage girls and women 15 to 44, more than car accidents, rapes, and muggings combined.

Therefore, we hereby pledge to provide teenage dating violence awareness training to our educational staff in order for them to provide appropriate information to students via class room curriculum and or assembly programs.

In doing so we firmly believe that through this educational initiative we will:

- * Increase teen's awareness and knowledge of healthy vs. unhealthy relationships.
- * Increase teen's ability to respond effectively when conflict arises in a relationship.
- * Increase the ability of adults in the schools and communities to support teens in forming healthy relationships.
- * Provide resources for teens and parents to seek professional help.

This pledge allows the _____ to proudly and publicly display their support of this initiative. In addition, students who have demonstrated activities promoting awareness to their peers will be eligible for scholarship opportunities given by the *Demi Brae Cuccia Awareness Org.* during their senior year.

In recognition of this pledge the _____ will receive training material, paid for by the *Demi Brae Cuccia Awareness Org.*, designed to assist educational staff to deliver appropriate teen dating violence awareness information to their students.

Date

Dr. Gary A. Cuccia, President

School Signature