

Hitchcock

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Dear Parent/Guardian of Crosby Middle School Student:

Last Friday, January 15, Crosby Middle School arranged for a motivational speaker for girls in grades 6, 7, and 8. The speaker was briefed by the principal about the content of the presentation which was to help students prepare for and focus on the spring state assessments that will be issued later this semester.

Once assembled, the speaker asked the principal to leave the presentation. During the presentation, very sensitive and sexually specific information was shared with the students. The speaker, a Hitchcock ISD board member, spoke at last year's eighth grade promotion and did a wonderful job; however, the content of the presentation on Friday was off-target and objectionable. The topic discussed was not the agreed upon topic. Should a topic be offered of this nature, district procedures require parents be given notice of such and have the chance to remove their child or attend with them.

All district principals have been given instructions to prevent a situation like this from happening again. This topic will appear on the next regular board meeting for the board to address. As superintendent, I apologize for the inappropriate topic discussed with your student.

Sincerely,

Mike Bergman, Ed. D.
Superintendent