



PRESS RELEASE

Secure/ Higher Ed (S/HE) Thanks Representative Barbara Comstock and Staff for Attending S/HE Training at Loudoun County Public School District

S/HE was honored to have Representative Barbara Comstock and her staff members Jeff Marschner and Kasha Nielsen attend a training session at Briar Woods High School in Ashburn, VA for over 140 middle and high school physical education teachers from Loudoun County Public Schools. S/HE's state of the art program is designed to prevent sexual assault, sexual harassment, sex trafficking, dating and domestic violence, bullying, substance abuse, mental illness, and active shootings.

Representative Comstock thanked the teachers for learning how to keep students safe. "It was important and helpful that Representative Comstock took the time to come to the training and encourage the teachers to do everything possible to keep their students safe," Franklin said. "Her words and presence were impactful."

S/HE's program utilizes the latest data on health and safety to teach students how to recognize and avoid dangerous situations. The program has been extensively researched and tested. Post training surveys show that nearly 100% of students pledge to avoid victim-blaming and nearly 100% of parents report up to a year later that their child was behaving safer as a result of the training. In Canada, a similar program at 3 universities reduced rape by 1/2 and attempted rape by 2/3 over a control group.

"Representative Comstock's legislative victory last fall in passing legislation to prevent sexual harassment in Congress was a watershed moment," said Franklin. "Her presence today is indicative of her deep commitment to prevent violence against anyone, regardless of circumstance, and in particular, to protect all our children from harm."

Learn more about Representative Comstock at <https://comstock.house.gov>.

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