Dear Students,

We want to make sure you feel safe, supported, and informed when it comes to serious issues like sexual extortion, also known as sextortion.

**What is Sexual Extortion (Sextortion)?**
Sexual extortion or sextortion is a crime that happens when someone pressures you to do something uncomfortable or inappropriate, like asking for pictures of your body. Sextortion can also be when someone threatens to share inappropriate pictures of you that you don’t want shared unless you do something that you don’t want to do or send them money.

Here are some examples:

* Someone says you’ll get in trouble or they will hurt your family if you don’t send pictures or do what they ask.
* Someone offers money, gifts, or anything else in exchange for inappropriate content.
* Someone threatens to share something private unless you give them something or do something for them.

**How Can I Stay Safe and Get Help?**

* You are *never* to blame if this happens, even if you have already given them photos. The person pressuring you is breaking the law.
* Even if you’ve shared something, you still deserve help—talk to a trusted adult like a parent, teacher, or counselor.
* Never talk to strangers online, even if they say they’re a kid—they might be lying.
* Don’t move to private apps or chats with people you don’t know. Block and ignore messages that make you uncomfortable.
* Report anyone who tries to make you feel scared or pressured to do something inappropriate.

**Remember, your voice matters—speak up and reach out. You are never alone.**

Even if an explicit image or video has been shared, there are ways to have it removed. The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children offers the Take It Down tool to remove inappropriate pictures from online sites. For more information, visit: Take It Down**:** <https://takeitdown.ncmec.org/>.

 