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# Michael Agnew, Director

Dear Faculty & Staff,

On **(DATE)**, GTC Dramatic Dialogues will be performing *Speaking of Sex…* at **(SCHOOL)**. *Speaking of Sex…* is a 90-minute, interactive performance that engages students directly in a no-holds-barred discussion of sexual communication and sexual assault. It’s entertaining and pointedly provocative Intervention Theatre format of short scenes followed by in-character talkbacks is remarkably effective at getting students to voice their experiences and to listen to the points of view of their peers on this important and sensitive topic.

And the topic is important. According to a 2014 report by a presidential panel investigating sexual assault on campus, 20% of undergraduate women and 6% of undergraduate men will experience attempted or completed sexual assault while they are students. A spate of Title IX complaints has led to increased scrutiny of schools by the Office of Civil Rights. You are no doubt aware of new reporting requirements around sexual assault mandated in recent guidance papers from the OCR. The time is ripe for a frank discussion of sexual assault on campus.

Emboldening students to actively talk about sex and sexual assault and getting student opinions and attitudes out in the open is an important first step in dealing with the problem. *Speaking of Sex…* will do just that. The program offers a way to jump start a campus wide conversation that can lead to meaningful change. We hope that you will encourage your students to attend.

Sincerely,

Michael Agnew

Director