

# WHAT ARE KIDS SAYING?

1000 students, ranging in ages from 13-18 responded to our internet questionnaire. Overall, 85% of students feel that the internet is a problem for kids today.

## **Some of their concerns**

### *Pornography.*

- 30% of students admitted they are checking out pornography regularly.
- “It is G-d for the kids – porn with a capital P”
- “Many parents would never believe that their children who are top students and well behaved would look at porn.”

### *Predators.*

- 150 students shared that online strangers tried to develop a relationship with them.
- There has been an attempt by strangers to meet with approximately 5% of our students.
- NOTE: There are 50,000 predators online at any given time.

### *Gambling.*

- 25% of students were willing to admit to gambling on the internet.
- “Gambling, cheating and inappropriate activities –all are within hands reach and hard to trace”

### *Excessive Online Hours.*

- 50% of students stated they spend between 14-35 hours per week online. The majority showed no concern regarding this amount of time, in fact nearly one fourth expressed an interest in increasing their online activity.
- 79% of the students endorsed they use instant messaging as a preferred mode of communication.
- “I feel that kids get absorbed by the web and live in it”

### *Lack of Role Models.*

- 18% of the students expressed feeling like parents were not practicing safe internet guidelines for themselves.

### *Feeling Alone.*

- Over 30% of students disclosed that their parents never spoke to them about the internet and its dangers.
- “I don’t think adults care too much”

## **Some of their Suggestions**

### *Be More Aware.*

- “Parents don’t stop it because they are unaware. Kids who are otherwise well behaved and good kids have a strong desire to look at what they shouldn’t be looking at., It has messed up many good kids.”
- “You should have teenagers speak to adults about signs of children doing what they shouldn’t be doing.”
- “Teenagers know much more than adults who are usually clueless.”

*Be Involved.*

- “Parents must know that all children and teens have a desire to look at immoral images and literature, and therefore, internet should be kept in computers which are in full view.”
- “Parents must for sure change their password because children will for sure figure it out.”