### POTENTIAL INTERVENTIONS TO PREVENT VIOLENCE IN THE SCHOOL

- Develop very clear and specific classroom or school rules.
- Remind children of the rules each time they play with each other.
- Set clear limits of what is acceptable and what is not. For example:
  - Share and take turns.
  - Use a quiet indoor voice.
  - Keep your hands and feet to yourself.
- Discipline in the classroom should be positive and consistent. Develop sensible consequences that fit the situation. (Example: “If you fight over this toy, I will remove the toy for 15 minutes so that no one will use it.”)
- Teachers should model nonaggressive discipline.
- Teach problem-solving techniques and how to resolve problems without violence.
- Differentiate assertiveness and aggressiveness; provide skills to be more assertive.
- Build self-esteem, especially related to behaviors that enhance learning and build character.
- ‘Catch’ children being good, sensitive, and accepting and praise them. All children must feel special and connected to the school environment. Praise children and pay attention to them when they play nicely together.
- Decrease access to violent videos and games.
- Act immediately and decisively when a child is aggressive or is bullying.
- Respect the child’s feelings when they express them; just help them redirect how they are expressed.