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Dear Winnetka Public Schools Parents,

In March 2021 we will begin providing state-mandated sexual abuse prevention education for all students in compliance with Erin's Law. Erin's law is prevention-based, bringing sexual abuse education into public schools using age appropriate curriculum. Thanks to Erin's Law, children are being taught to recognize abuse and learning what to do if they need assistance. Erin's Law requires all public schools to provide education on sexual abuse prevention for all students, early childhood through 12<sup>th</sup> grade, annually. This law also requires educators to take part in training classes that cover sexual abuse and how to recognize warning signs.

We understand this can be a sensitive topic for some families and we have resources for you, as parents/guardians, to learn more about this program.

In March of 2018, we held a Winnetka Parent Institute (WPI) regarding Erin's Law and child sexual abuse prevention education. Video of this event can be found [here](#), along with additional information about the classroom presentations.

This year, our elementary school social workers will be holding open office hours on March 5, 2021 from 9-9:30am. The meeting link can be found [here](#); Meeting ID: 525 728 2502/Passcode: HWS. You may also reach out individually to your school's social worker if you have specific questions about the program.

The Erin's Law curriculum will be implemented in your child's regular classroom by a school social worker. Students will participate in one 20-30 minute session. Each year going forward, the District will continue to implement and refine the curriculum that was developed in the 2016-2017 school year.

Parents have the option to opt their children out of the program as they deem appropriate. The opt-out form must be completed by March 8, 2021.

Please feel free to contact me with any additional questions or concerns about Erin's Law.

Respectfully,

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