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Dear Parent or Guardian,

Over the past several years, many states, including New York, have passed laws that require schools to have a role in educating students on personal safety. This means including topics in school curricula about personal safety. You may have heard of this legislation under its more common name, Erin's Law, in honor of Erin Merryn, a brave young woman who has crossed the country advocating for laws that will increase awareness of this crime against children. New York State's Erin's Law Curriculum Benchmarks were approved in December 2020. For more information about the NYS Erin's Law Curriculum Benchmarks, please visit the NYSED website [here](#) or scan the QR code.



One of the requirements of this law is that schools provide an age-appropriate curriculum to all students grades K-8. The purpose of the lessons are to provide students with the tools needed for personal safety and to provide a nurturing and caring environment open for disclosure of any incidents.

Lessons may include a variety of discussions, activities and videos.

During the school year, students will be presented with lessons in their Physical Education classrooms to meet the requirements of Erin's Law through the combined efforts of our teachers, social workers, psychologists and counselors.

The personal safety and wellbeing of our students is a top priority for our District as well as compliance with this Law.

Key Concepts that will be taught and easily reinforced at home:

- Everyone's body is his/hers own special property
- Safe touches vs. not safe touches
- It is never a child's fault
- You can always tell a trusted adult about any touch that makes you feel not safe
- You do not have to keep secrets that make you feel scared, confused or strange

If you have any questions about Erin's Law curriculum in our schools, please visit the school district website or contact your building administration or the support staff.

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