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Dear Dobbs Ferry Families,

Since 2019, New York State has required school districts to provide age-appropriate instruction for students in kindergarten through grade eight on the prevention of child sexual abuse and exploitation.

“Erin’s Law” (New York State Education Law section [803-b](#)) requires school districts to provide this instruction as part of a comprehensive health education program. The goal is to help students develop the knowledge and skills necessary to recognize unsafe situations, understand personal boundaries, and identify trusted adults they can turn to for help.

In our district, this instruction will be delivered in a developmentally appropriate manner, consistent with state guidance and aligned to our existing social-emotional learning and health education programs. Lessons are designed to:

- promote personal safety and self-advocacy;
- reinforce the importance of respecting personal boundaries;
- help students identify safe and unsafe behaviors; and
- encourage students to seek help from trusted adults if they feel uncomfortable or unsafe.

Staff will tailor instruction to students’ age and grade level. Instruction will **not** include graphic content.

If you have questions about this requirement or the instruction provided in your child’s school, please do not hesitate to contact your building principal. You can also review [Erin’s Law Frequently Asked Questions](#) from the NYS Education Department.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support!

Sincerely,



Ken Slentz
Superintendent of Schools