Guilford COUNTY SCHOOLS

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SUBJECT: NC Center for Safer Schools Required Student Safety Videos

Dear Guilford County Schools Families,

As part of our continued commitment to student safety and well-being, students in grade six through 12 will view age-appropriate safety videos provided by the North Carolina Center for Safer Schools during the first five days of the 2026-2027 school year. These videos are designed to help students recognize and understand the warning signs of adult misconduct, including grooming behaviors, and to encourage them to seek help and report.

In accordance with Session Law 2023-128/HB142, and North Carolina General Statute G.S. 115C-105.57(2a), public schools are required to show these educational videos annually. The goal is to increase awareness among students, staff, and families about the signs of potentially harmful behavior by adults and to support a culture of safety, trust, and open communication in our school community.

While the videos depict scenarios involving school staff, the underlying message is not specific to school employees. The purpose is to help students remain vigilant in all settings and with any adult they may encounter - not just at school.

The videos are posted to the district website for parents to preview at www.gcsnc.com/protect. We understand that some families may prefer their child not to participate in the viewing of these videos. If you wish to opt your child out, please complete the opt out form and return it to your child's homeroom teacher **no later than the third day of school.**

Thank you for your partnership in keeping our school a safe and supportive environment for all students. If you have any questions, please contact your child's principal.

OPT-OUT FORM: For the NC Center for Safer Schools - Protecting Our Students Video Series Only, complete and return this form if you wish to opt your child out of the video viewing. Return **to your child's homeroom teacher no later than the third day of school.**

- Student Name: _____
- School Name: _____
- Grade Level: _____

___I **do not** give permission for my child to view the Protecting Our Students video series as required by Session Law 2023-128/HB142. I understand that an alternative learning activity will be provided.

- Parent/Guardian Name (Printed): _____
- Parent/Guardian Signature: _____Date: _____
- Phone Number or Email (optional): _____

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