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Dear Parent/Guardians:

Many states, including Illinois, have passed laws with the intent of increasing the awareness and prevention of child sexual abuse. 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 and prevention of this crime against children. One of the requirements of this law is that schools provide an age appropriate curriculum to all students relating to personal safety. The purpose of these lessons are to provide students with the tools needed for personal safety and disclosure.

Our School Social Workers will be presenting a lesson to our classrooms to meet the requirements of Erin's Law. The following concepts will be discussed:

Lesson 1: Ways to Stay Safe

Lesson 2: Always Ask First Rule

Lesson 3: Safe and Unsafe Touches

Lesson 4: The Touching Rule

Lesson 5: Practicing Staying Safe

Lesson 6: Reviewing Safety Skills

Through this program aimed at educating and empowering students, we want to provide your student with the knowledge and skills for personal safety. District 150 believes that all of our students will benefit from participating in this program. For more information about Erin's Law, please refer to the Erin's Law link here: www.erinslaw.org

We hope all parents/guardians will partner with us to educate our children. Should you have any questions about the curriculum, please reach out to one of our social workers: Ali Clark aclark@mes150.org, Denise Schmidt dschmidt@mes150.org, or Hailee Weisbrock hweisbrock@mes150.org. If you wish to inquire about opting your child out of the program, please email Mrs. Johnson at ljohnson@mes150.org.

Sincerely,
Lindsey Johnson, Principal