

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Erin's Law states that all public schools in Illinois need to have a Pre-K thru 12th grade sexual abuse prevention and safety program. One lesson will be provided to your child during the month of March and will be taught by Mariah Huston from the Western Illinois Regional Council. These lessons will be provided during PE classes in order to avoid a disruption to the academic schedule for that day.

Each classroom will be taught information at the students' age level, in a safe and simple way. The main idea is to teach the Safety Rule, "No one should touch the private parts of your body unless it is to keep you safe or healthy." The program will teach the students that "private parts" are the parts of their bodies that their swimsuit covers. The students learn that the safety rule is when a child needs help with a bath or shower, or using the bathroom (especially small children). The students learn the "healthy" part of the rule is when they have to go for a doctor visit. The students will learn how to tell a grown-up that they trust if someone breaks the Safety Rule. Students will learn ways to keep them safe, like the Ask First Rule and the ability to say "no".

It is important for you to teach your student at home too, so we want you to know what your student is learning at school. If you have questions or want more information about signs of sexual abuse, how to get help, and tips for prevention education at home, please ask your school or call WIRC-CAA at 309-836-2148 ext. 141. The WIRC-Victim Services staff will be happy to listen to you and answer your questions.

If you have any questions about the Child Protection Unit or if you DO NOT want your student to participate in this lesson, please e-mail Kelsey Dean at kdean@acUSD1.org and we will find an alternative activity for your student to participate in during this time.

Thank you for helping us make our school and community a safe and supportive place where everyone can learn.

Respectfully Submitted,



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