



## ELIZABETH IDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Elizabeth Ide Parents,

In March 2020 the District will begin providing state-mandated sexual abuse prevention education for all students in compliance with Erin's Law. Erin's law is prevention-based, bringing sexual abuse education into public schools using age appropriate curriculum. Due to Erin's Law, children are being taught to recognize abuse and learning what to do if they need assistance. Erin's Law requires all public schools to provide education on sexual abuse prevention for all students, early childhood through 12th grade, annually. This law also requires educators to take part in training classes that cover sexual abuse and how to recognize warning signs.

We understand this can be a sensitive topic for some families and we wish to give you, as parents/guardians, the opportunity to learn more about this program.

On February 6, 2020, we will be hosting a Parent Night for our parents who would like to learn more about this program. The evening event will take place at Prairieview School from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. If you are unable to attend the program, information will be posted on the Student Services section of the District website soon after the event. You may also reach out to me or our school's social worker, Mary Sopha, if you have specific questions about the program.

The Erin's Law sexual abuse prevention program will be presented to our 1st and 2nd grade students by the YWCA's Child Assault Prevention (CAP) program on March 18th and 19th, with the involvement of our teachers, social worker, and principal. As for our Kindergarten students, they will receive sexual abuse prevention education through the Child Lures Think First & Stay Safe curriculum, which consists of three 20-30 minute lessons delivered by our school's social worker during the week of March 9th. The Child Lures curriculum allows the information to be delivered by familiar staff members in a series of sequential lessons. This approach allows for our Kindergarteners to begin to develop a trusting relationship with our school's social worker whom they can go to with questions or concerns. Both the CAP program and Child Lures curriculum are referenced on The Erin's Law website as meeting/exceeding the criteria to comply with this state mandate. Please feel free to contact me with any additional questions or concerns about Erin's Law or the upcoming Parent Information Night.

Respectfully,

Mr. Sean Rhoads

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