



PRAIRIEVIEW SCHOOL

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Mr. Mark Pagel, Principal



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Dear Prairieview Parents,

In March 2018 each of our district schools will provide state-mandated sexual abuse prevention education for all students, in compliance with the passage of Erin's Law. Erin's law is a prevention-based program, bringing sexual abuse education into public schools using age appropriate curriculum. Children will be taught to recognize abuse and will learn what steps to take if they need assistance. Erin's Law requires public schools each year to provide education on sexual abuse prevention for all students, early childhood through 12th grade. This law also requires educators to take part in training classes that cover recognizing warning signs of abuse.

We understand this can be a sensitive topic for our families and we wish to give you the opportunity to learn more about this important program.

On Tuesday, February 13, we will be hosting an Erin's Law Informational Event exclusively for our parents. The evening presentation will take place at Prairieview School from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. If you are unable to attend the program, a video presentation will be posted on the "Student Services" section of our Center Cass 66 district website soon after the event. You may also reach out to me or our school's social worker, Jessica Amedeo, if you have specific questions about the program.

The Erin's Law sexual abuse prevention program will be presented to our 4th and 5th grade students by the YWCA's *Child Assault Prevention (CAP)* program on March 21st and 23rd, and will include the direct involvement of our teachers, social worker, and principal. Our 3rd grade students will receive sexual abuse prevention education through the "*Child Lures: Think First & Stay Safe*" curriculum, which consists of three 20-30 minute lessons that will be delivered by our school's social worker. The *Child Lures* curriculum allows the information to be delivered by familiar staff members. This approach allows for our 3rd grade students to begin to develop a trusting relationship with our school's social worker whom they can then 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 our 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,

Mark Pagel
Principal

"It's a PERFECT DAY to be a PRAIRIEVIEW PANTHER!"