December 1, 2015

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Community Consolidated School District 46’s Curriculum must include Erin’s Law, an annual state mandated, age-appropriate sexual abuse and assault awareness and prevention program for students Pre-K through 12th grade. Governor Pat Quinn signed Erin’s Law in January 2013.

It is estimated that one in four girls and one in six boys are sexually abused by the time they are eighteen. It is also estimated that about 90 percent of the abusers are known to the child and include relatives, neighbors, babysitters, and family acquaintances.

Erin’s Law requires our schools to educate students on safe touches and unsafe touches; safe secrets and unsafe secrets; and how to “get away and tell today.” Children will also learn how to recognize child sexual abuse, and reduce their vulnerability and encourage them to report abuse.

The curriculum will vary from grade to grade, however it will be developmentally appropriate per grade level. In Pre-School, students receive developmentally appropriate lessons presented by the Zacharias Center. In grades K-4, students will watch pre-approved videos that meet the requirements of Erin’s Law. Grades K-2 will watch a video called “It’s Your Body: You’re In Charge,” and Grades 3-4 will watch a video called “You Are In Charge of Your Body.” If you would like to preview these videos, please contact your building administrator.

For grades K-4, videos will be shown to students between January 11, 2016 and January 29, 2016. In 5th - 8th Grade, age developmentally appropriate instruction will occur during students’ health class.

For more information regarding Erin’s Law please visit: http://www.isbe.state.il.us/reports/erins-law-final0512.pdf

Please contact your school administration if you have any questions or concerns about Erin’s Law.

Sincerely,

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Community Consolidated School District 46 will provide an educational environment that maximizes the potential of ALL students to be prepared for life’s opportunities while developing a lasting appreciation for learning.