



McHenry Elementary School District 15

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

This year the McHenry District 15 curriculum will include Erin's Law, Public Act 96-1524, a state mandated, age-appropriate sexual abuse/assault awareness and prevention education program for students beginning in Early Childhood and continuing through all the grade levels.

Your student(s) will be educated by the school social worker with the classroom teacher on Erin's Law information. Building administration, school nurses, and school psychologists may also help to present the curriculum. The focus of our lessons will be age-appropriate and handled in a sensitive manner. The students will be instructed in school, three times throughout the year. The Second Step Child Protection Unit curriculum will be used as a resource and will include the following concepts:

- To discuss with students safe and unsafe behaviors.
- To teach students how to say "no" and refusal skills.
- To teach students to ask a parent for permission before doing something with a bigger person.
- To help students identify safe people in their lives that they can talk to when they have a problem or a secret.

For more information regarding Erin's Law, please visit: <http://isbe.state.il.us/reports/erins-law-final0512.pdf>.

To help keep you informed about what will be shared with your student(s) by the Erin's Law mandate, we will have a short, information meeting at **Riverwood School Learning Center** on **November 19th**. The meeting will take place from **6:30 pm- 7:00 pm**. At this time, the Second Step curriculum being used will be presented to you and time for questions will also be provided.

If you have any further questions about Erin's Law, Public Act 96-1524, please call your building administrator at the school office.

Sincerely,

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Director of Special Education