

Dear Parents and Guardians:

The State of Illinois passed a law in 2013 called, "Erin's Law" mandating that all public schools educate children about sexual abuse prevention through age appropriate curriculum including role plays, discussions, activities, and videos. The purpose of these activities is to give children the tools needed to speak up and tell an adult if anyone has ever touched them inappropriately.

McHenry Middle School is partnering with the CARE Center to present Sexual Abuse Programs in our middle school health classes. This term in Health class, representatives from the CARE Center will be in your child's classroom for 1 lesson to discuss a variety of the following concepts:

- Types of Dating Violence
- Inclusivity of genders and partnerships
- Warning signs of an abusive relationships
- Cycle of Violence
- Effects of dating violence
- Consent: What is it?
- How/where to get help
- Bystander intervention

Nationwide, 1 in 3 girls and 1 in 6 boys will be the victim of some type of sexual abuse by the time they reach age 18. Through this program aimed at educating and empowering students, we want to provide your child with the knowledge and skills to use if ever affected by sexual violence.

McHenry Middle School believes that all our students will benefit from participating in this program. However, you may exclude your child by completing the bottom portion of this form and returning it to Mrs. Andresen.

If you have any questions about the content of the program, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Susy Andresen, NBCT
Health Teacher
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I wish to exclude my child _____ from the Sexual Abuse Program presented by the CARE Center.

Parent of Guardian Signature

Date

