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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Erin's Law, House Bill 6193 was signed by Governor Pat Quinn on January 24, 2013. This law requires schools to implement an age-appropriate sexual assault and abuse awareness and prevention curriculum for grades pre-K through 12. For the past several years, we have provided this instruction through presenter, Victor Pacini. We are very pleased to share that Victor Pacini will once again be visiting our schools to deliver his program entitled, *Be Seen & Heard 2.0*.

Mr. Pacini is a survivor of sexual abuse, author and motivational speaker, and will be assisting our schools in implementing this mandate. Mr. Pacini's program is developmentally appropriate, interactive, and aligned with learning standards. He is a native to the area and has presented in front of over 750,000 students in numerous districts in Illinois and nationwide. He has been endorsed by the Illinois and National PTA organizations.

The focus of his presentation is to teach children basic skills to keep them safe from dangerous or abusive situations. The concepts that will be discussed are:

- Distinguishing safe from unsafe touches
- Safety rules at home and school
- Saying "NO"
- Safe/Unsafe Secrets
- It's not the child's fault if someone touches him or her
- Telling a trusted adult

Mr. Pacini will be presenting at each of our schools the last week of February 2019. The schedule is as follows:

February 25, 2019 – Ames Elementary School
February 26, 2019 – Central Elementary School
February 27, 2019 – Blythe Park Elementary School
February 28, 2019 – Hollywood Elementary School
March 1, 2019 – Hauser Jr. High

Please see the attached brochure to preview the program. You can also watch a video preview by clicking here: <https://www.victorpacini.com/peace-of-mind-2/>

Requests to Opt-Out: If you prefer that your child opt-out of this prevention education session, please submit your written request to your child's principal.

Respectfully,

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