

LaHarpe Elementary/Junior High School, District #347 Home of the Eagles 404 West Main Street La Harpe, IL 61450

Dear Parents,

I am writing to inform you about a lesson being provided to students due to a state mandate. The lesson is in compliance with "Erin's Law", which states that children receive sexual abuse prevention education. Students in Junior High grades also receive awareness education on teen dating violence.

Mrs. Kendrah Ruebush, school counselor, and Miss Haley Humes, school psychologist, will be presenting lessons to students in Kindergarten through fifth grade and Deb Collins from WIRC (Western Illinois Regional Council) will present to sixth through eighth grades.

We will be using the Second Step Child Protection curriculum to maintain compliance with Erin's Law. This will include multiple lessons that will teach the students about general safety tips and safe and unsafe touches. Children will learn about saying no and what to do if someone touches unsafely. For the junior high students sexual harassment will also be discussed.

Due to the high rates of sexual abuse in this country (1 in 4 girls and 1 in 6 boys), it is important to educate children on what to do if this happens to them. Please direct any questions or concerns about the program to me. Please fill out the information at the bottom of this letter and return to school by **Friday, October 30th.**

Sincerely,

Please sign and date and return back to school with your student by if you <u>DO</u> <u>NOT</u> want your child to participate.

I DO NOT agree to let my childcurriculum.	attend this Second Step
Parent's Signature	Date
Student's Name (Print)	Grade of Student