



Community Unit School District 303

Oct 8, 2021

Dear Wasco School Families,

This letter is to inform you about Erin's Law (Illinois Public Act 097-1147), an Illinois law passed in February, 2011 that requires public schools to provide child sexual abuse prevention education for all children in pre-kindergarten through twelfth grades. Named after sexual abuse survivor Erin Merryn, Erin's Law will be implemented again this year in all District 303 Schools. Please note that Erin's Law is *not* connected to The Keeping Youth Safe & Healthy Act (Senate Bill 818).

Between now and the end of the school year, several lessons will be facilitated by Rebecca Schroeder, school social worker, and Jordan Wenzel, school psychologist, along with the classroom teacher utilizing the *Second Step Child Protection Unit*. This age-appropriate instruction will help students recognize unsafe situations, keep themselves safe, and learn how to respond to unsafe situations. Common themes across all grade levels include:

- Identifying safe touch versus unsafe or unwanted touch
- The Safety Rule About Touching (The Touching Rule): Private areas are not for others to touch, except to keep a child clean and healthy
- Steps to Stay Safe
- Understanding the difference between good and bad secret

For more information about Erin's Law, please visit the links below.

[Erin's Law website](#)

[Erin's Law video](#)

For more information about the Second Step Child Protection Unit Scope and Sequence for grades pre-kindergarten-5th, please view the link below.

[Second Step Child Protection Unit Scope & Sequence](#)

If you have any questions, please contact your building principal Stephanie Brennan at stephanie.brennan@d303.org or by phone at 331-229-6294.

Thank you for your support,

Stephanie Brennan
Wasco Elementary

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