

February 17, 2017

Dear Parents:

On March 2 and 3, Cove will be hosting Victor Pacini to present on Erin's Law, a House Bill (6193) signed by Governor Pat Quinn on January 24, 2013. House Bill 6193 requires schools to implement age-appropriate sexual assault, abuse awareness and prevention curriculum for grades pre-K through 12. Victor Pacini, a survivor himself, is passionate about Erin's Law and has created this program in order to educate children about safety.

Mr. Pacini's program is developmentally appropriate, interactive, and aligned with learning standards. The focus of his presentation is to teach students basic skills to keep them safe from dangerous or abusive situations. The concepts that will be discussed are:

- Distinguishing safe from unsafe touch
- Safety rules at home and school
- Saying "NO"
- Secrets
- Distinguishing between the blame/guilt a child may feel and the ownership of that responsibility
- Reporting an incident and giving information on who to tell

Mr. Pacini will be providing separate presentations appropriate for each unit. All parents are invited to attend the presentations with their child. More information regarding the date and time of your child's presentation on March 2 or 3 will be communicated with you. Prior to the student presentations, a parent information meeting led by Victor Pacini will take place on Tuesday, February 28.

If you would not like your child to participate in this program please fill out the form below and return it to your child's case manager no later than Friday, February 24, 2017.

For more information on Victor Pacini please visit his website: www.victorpacini.com. For more information on Erin's law: www.erinmerryn.net

If you have further questions, please contact your child's social worker,

Thank you,

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If you would not like your child to participate in this program please return this portion to your child's case manager.

Child's Name: _____

My child will NOT be participating in the Erin's Law presentation: _____

I will be attending the presentation with my child: _____