FRONTIER CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT



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Dear Frontier Parents and Guardians:

In 2019, the New York State Legislature created a law entitled Erin's Law which became effective on July 1, 2020. For grades K-8, Erin's Law requires public schools to teach children prevention strategies as it pertains to sexual abuse. The law was named for Erin Merryn, an abuse survivor and activist against child sexual abuse. She has advocated for similar laws nationwide for over a decade.

One of the requirements of this law is that schools provide an age-appropriate curriculum to all students grades K-8. The purpose of the lessons are to provide students with the tools needed for personal safety and to provide a nurturing and caring environment open for disclosure of any incidents. New York State's Erin's Law Curriculum Benchmarks were approved in December 2020, with implementation required during the current 2021-2022 school year. For more information about the NYS Erin's Law Curriculum Benchmarks, please visit the NYSED website here.

This spring, Frontier students in grades K-8 will be presented with lessons in their classrooms to meet the requirements of Erin's Law through the combined efforts of our teachers, social workers, and counselors. The personal safety and well-being of our students is a top priority for our District, as well as compliance with this Law.

If you have any questions about Erin's Law curriculum in our schools, please contact your building administration. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Christopher J. Swiatek

Superintendent of Schools