



Willis Road Elementary School

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Dear Parents,

During the last legislative session, Senate Bill 401, "Erin's Law", was passed requiring annual, age-appropriate sexual abuse and assault awareness and prevention education in grades K-9 and in-service training for school personnel. On January 7, 2019 a letter was sent home with students asking parent permission to allow students to participate in the implementation of the Child Safety Matters program at our school, which is a curriculum that teaches the required content. Child Safety Matters includes lessons on unsafe situations such as abuse (including sexual abuse), bullying and cyberbullying. This letter described the purpose of the program and provided an opportunity for parents to decline their child's participation in the program.

Since starting the program last week I have heard from several parents who are concerned with the content of the program. As a result, we will delay the implementation of the program at Willis Road until February 25, 2019 to allow parents more time to ask questions, review the curriculum (if desired), and determine whether or not they wish for their child to participate. Please know that it is my goal for parents to always feel comfortable about the instruction occurring at Willis Road Elementary. Feel free to call me or our counselor, Ms. Elisa Orr, to ask questions, set up a time to review this material, or opt out of the instructional lessons.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Whetstone

Principal, Willis Road Elementary