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Dear Parents:

In a recent letter, we wrote to you about Erin's Law which was signed by Governor Pat Quinn as House Bill 6193 in 2013. The law requires schools to implement an age-appropriate sexual assault and abuse awareness and prevention curriculum for students. We are fortunate to have engaged Mr. Victor Pacini to present this curriculum to our students in grades kindergarten through 8 in our schools.

Mr. Pacini is an extraordinary speaker who is himself a survivor of sexual abuse. He is both an author and a motivational speaker. Earlier in the school year, Mr. Pacini joined us for a teacher Institute Day to teach our staff about ways to support this curriculum in the classroom. Our teachers were deeply touched by his powerful presentation. We thought that his approach to help students be safe and learn in a very appropriate way about this very sensitive topic was outstanding. So much so, that we arranged for a parent night so that our parents could hear Victor speak and understand the approaches that he uses for students in different age ranges. Victor presented at a parent night on April 1, 2019 at Worth Junior High School.

We are very fortunate to have Victor return to our school district for a second parent night. He will deliver the same presentation on Monday, April 29, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Commons of Worth Junior High School. We are inviting all of our parents to join us for this second parent night. If you attended the first parent night and would like to hear Victor's presentation again, you are welcome to join us. If you have never heard Victor speak, we encourage you to join us. Victor will outline the approaches he uses to teach children.

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

- Distinguishing safe from unsafe touches
- Safety rules at home and school
- Saying "NO"
- Safe/Unsafe Secrets
- It is not the child's fault if someone touches him or her
- Telling a trusted adult

Mr. Pacini will be presenting at our schools. The dates for the student presentations at each building are as follows:

Worthwoods School	May 13, 2019
Worth Junior High School	May 14, 2019
Worth Elementary School	May 15, 2019

Erin's Law requires that we give an opportunity to our parents to "opt-out" of their child's attendance at presentations involving the topic of sexual assault and abuse. We ask you to listen to Victor Pacini's presentation first before you make an opt-out decision. Opt-out forms will be sent home in early May.

Again, our second parent night with Mr. Victor Pacini will be held on Monday, April 29, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at Worth Junior High School. Please consider joining us for his deeply moving presentation. If you are unable to attend the presentation on April 29th, visit our website where you can access a link to a video presentation by Mr. Pacini which will give you an idea of the teaching strategies he will employ.

Sincerely,



Dr. Rita Wojtylewski, Superintendent, Worth School District 127