## **Worth School District 127**

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## Dear Parents/Guardians:

In response to the state mandate of educating students about Erin's Law, Worth School District will be hosting a program called Be Seen and Heard - a prevention-oriented child sexual abuse program. This program is designed to create an age-appropriate, safe, and engaging learning environment where students will learn the difference between safe and unsafe touch, and the importance of having trusted heroes. We are happy to have presenters from Childhood Victories return to make our parent and student presentations. All presentations will be live-streamed by the presenters. Students will learn the skills they need to stay safe from dangerous or abusive situations.

The concepts that will be discussed are

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

In order to learn more about the presentation, all Worth School District 127 parents are invited to attend a **Virtual Parent Information Night** via Zoom on **Monday, January 27, 2025, at 5:30 pm**. A link to the presentations will be posted on the district website and shared via School Messenger on January 27.

Representatives from Childhood Victories will be livestreaming the grade-level presentations at Worth Elementary, Worthwoods, and Worth Junior High on Friday, January 31, 2025. Students will be able to watch the presentation in their classroom with their teacher.

Illinois law allows parents to opt their children out from participating in an Erin's Law presentation. If you <u>do not</u> want your child to participate in the "Be Seen Be Heard, Year 2 and Beyond" presentation, please fill out the Google Form attached to this link: <u>Erin's Law Opt-Out Form</u>. **This form is due by Thursday, January 31, 2025,** @ **9:00 pm.** If you have any questions about the Erin's Law presentations, please feel free to contact your building principal or contact me at (708) 671-3921.

Sincerely,

Linda Esposito

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