

**September 17, 2021**

Dear Parents/Guardians,

In 2011 the State of Illinois passed Illinois House Bill Public Act 97-1147 (also called "Erin's Law") which mandates schools to provide age appropriate lessons on personal body safety, abuse prevention and sexual abuse/assault prevention. GCMS Middle School takes this responsibility seriously, and we are passionate and committed to educating our children beyond academic subjects.

During the upcoming months a lesson on personal safety, as is required by "Erin's Law", will be presented at GCMS Middle School. These lessons will be presented in our 6th and 7th grade Health classes (RACES Staff Member) and in our 8th grade Social Studies class. This lessons will cover:

- 6th Grade - Boundaries Matter
- 7th Grade - Safer Relationships
- 8th Grade - Dating Without Violence

We believe that prevention is the number one priority in making a difference in our society and our children's safety. If you have questions, or if you need additional information please contact us at: 217-784-8731 or [curry.shelly@gcmsk12.org](mailto:curry.shelly@gcmsk12.org) and/or [pacey.rachel@gcmsk12.org](mailto:pacey.rachel@gcmsk12.org).

Additionally, we have listed web resources that you might find helpful in reviewing this topic.

<http://erinslaw.org>  
<https://www.cu-races.org/education/>

**\*Please sign and return the form below by Friday, October 1, 2021 indicating you DO NOT want your child to attend this classroom lesson.**

Sincerely,  
Shelly Curry, MSW, LCSW  
GCMS School Social Worker (8-12)

Rachel Pacey, MSW, LCSW  
GCMS School Social Worker (4 - 7)

\*\*\*\*\*

**\*Please sign and return by Friday, October 1, 2021 indicating you DO NOT want your child to attend this classroom lesson.**

**\*Return To: GCMS Middle School - Attention: Rachel Pacey/Shelly Curry**  
RE: Erin's Law - Personal Safety Lesson 2021 - 2022

Student's Name (Print): \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Class/Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ **DOES NOT** have my permission to attend the presentation described above

Parent/Guardian Name (Print): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_