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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Governor George E. Pataki recently signed legislation that will require all level 2 sex offenders to be listed on the website maintained by the NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) under New York's Sex Offender Registration Act, along with the level 3 sex offenders currently listed. The law also expands public notice regarding level 1 sex offenders.

In the past, the Homer School District has provided mailings of identifying information received from our County law enforcement; however, this information can now be found on-line. We are providing the on-line contact information to you as it is the most current and accurate information available. Listed below is the contact information for the website, along with additional access information if needed:

1. **Internet:** access by **home** or **public computer** for identifying information on level 2 or 3 offenders at: http://www.criminaljustice.state.ny.us/nsor/search_index.htm
 - You will be asked your name, address, and to verify that you have read their disclaimer.
 - Public computers are available at:
 - Cortland Free Library, 32 Church St. (Mon.-Thurs., 9:30 AM – 8:00 PM; Fri., 9:30 AM – 5:30 PM; Sat., 9:30 AM – 4:30 PM).
 - Phillips Library, 31 S. Main St.
2. **Telephone: Sex Offender Registry Information Line - 1-800-262-3257** for questions on Level 1, 2, or 3 offenders, Mon. – Fri., 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM.
3. **Local Law Enforcement:** County Sheriff (753-3311) can be contacted; however, **the main contact for identifiable information should be the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services at the website or 800 number noted above.**
4. All school buildings will have identifiable information available should you be unable to use the above methods. Before viewing this information, you will be asked your name, address, and to verify the same disclaimer as on the registry. Our purpose in providing this information is to promote public safety. However, please note that the subdirectory states: **“Anyone who uses this information to injure, harass, or commit a criminal act against any person may be subject to criminal prosecution.”**

Please review **“Knowing My 8 Rules for Safety”** listed on the back.

Sincerely,

Douglas B. Larison
Superintendent of Schools

KNOWING MY 8 RULES FOR SAFETY	
1.	I always check first with my parents or the person in charge before I go anywhere or get into a car, even with someone I know.
2.	I always check first with my parents or a trusted adult before I accept anything from anyone, even from someone I know.
3.	I always take a friend with me when I go places or play outside.
4.	I know my name, address, telephone number, and my parents' names.
5.	I say no if someone tries to touch me or treat me in a way that makes me feel scared, uncomfortable, or confused.
6.	I know that I can tell my parents or a trusted adult if I feel scared, uncomfortable, or confused.
7.	It's OK to say no, and I know that there will always be someone who can help me.
8.	I am strong, smart, and have the right to be safe.

CHECK FIRST

TAKE A FRIEND

TELL SOMEONE I TRUST IF SOMETHING IS WRONG

STAY STRONG, SMART, AND SAFE

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