



# Flossmoor School District 161

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Flossmoor, IL 60422  
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October 1, 2018

Dear Parents,

"Erin's Law" requires that all public schools in Illinois implement a prevention-oriented child sexual abuse program that teaches students, school personnel and parents:

1. Appropriate techniques to recognize child sexual abuse and to tell a trusted adult;
2. General information about child sexual abuse;
3. The warning signs of child sexual abuse, plus needed assistance, and referral or resource information to support sexually abused children and their families.

It is estimated that one in four girls and one in six boys are sexually abused by the time they are eighteen. Data also indicates that about 90 percent of the abusers are known to the child and include relatives, neighbors, babysitters, and family acquaintances.

We reviewed several recommended programs that meet the requirements of the law and are pleased to share that Tom Kress will be visiting our schools to deliver his new program, "**Your POWER Project.**"

Mr. Kress is a survivor of sexual abuse and motivational speaker. He will be assisting our schools in implementing this mandate. Mr. Kress's program is developmentally appropriate and interactive. He has presented this program to numerous districts and schools in Illinois.

The focus of his presentation is to teach children basic skills to keep them safe from dangerous or abusive situations. The concepts that will be discussed are:

- Knowing what an uncomfortable touch is
- Knowing they have the POWER to say "STOP" and/or "NO"
- Telling their own personal hero
- Keep NO Secrets
- It's not the child's fault if someone touches him or her

**We are hosting an informational parent night with Mr. Kress at Normandy Villa located at 41 E. Elmwood Dr., Chicago Heights, IL 60411 at 7:15 p.m. on Wednesday, October 10, 2018. Please join us to hear about the presentations.**

Mr. Kress will be presenting at each of our schools on the dates listed below:

Tuesday	October 16, 2018	Western Ave
Wednesday	October 17, 2018	Heather Hill
Thursday	October 18, 2018	Parker (1st Day)
Tuesday	October 23, 2018	Serena Hills
Wednesday	October 24, 2018	Flossmoor Hills
Thursday	October 25, 2018	Parker (2nd Day)

If you prefer your child to opt-out of this preventative educational session, please submit a written request to your child's principal. However, before you opt-out, I encourage you to attend the parent session to learn about the presentation. If you have any questions, please reach out to me via email, [rlatman@sd161.org](mailto:rlatman@sd161.org) or by phone, 708-647-7028.

Kindest regards,



Robin Latman  
Director of Special Education