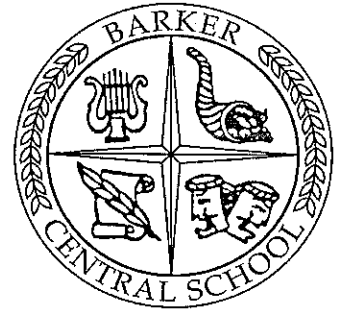


Barker Central School

1628 Quaker Road, Barker, New York 14012-0328



1/29/21

Dear Parents and Guardians of Students in Grades K-8,

Child abuse awareness and prevention education has seen a resurgence with the recent passing of Erin's Law in New York State. Public schools are now required to teach child sexual abuse and exploitation prevention to students in kindergarten through eighth grade.

Erin's Law is named for Erin Merryn, an abuse survivor and activist against child abuse who has advocated for similar laws nationwide for over a decade. Erin's Law is intended to help children, teachers, and parents in New York State schools identify sexual abuse, and to provide awareness, assistance, referral, or resource information for children and families who are victims of child sexual abuse.

In the coming months, School Counselors Jeff Rogers and Audra Lakeman, as well as Instructional Support Specialist Sara Thibault, will be working with students in Grades K-8 to educate them about child sexual abuse and prevention. Lesson plans and resources from the FightChildAbuse.org website will be part of their instruction. Additional information for your reference can be found on the affiliated website, BarbaraSinatraChildrensCenter.org. We encourage parents of remote students or students who will not be present for the instruction to visit the above mentioned websites to familiarize yourself with the materials offered, including informational videos.

If you would like further information or have any questions regarding this topic, please do not hesitate to contact us at 716-795-3237 (Pratt Elementary office), 716-795-9260 (JH/SH Guidance Office) or by email at jrogers@barkerbsd.net, alakeman@barkebsd.net, sthibault@barkerbsd.net, or mcarter@barkerbsd.net.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Michael Carter".

Michael Carter

District Principal, PreK-6