

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As part of our Character Education Program, March is focused on school safety and supportive environments. One of the elements we will use is the *Second Step* Child Protection Unit in your child's classroom. In these lessons, students will learn three types of skills:

- **Personal Safety:** Students will learn important safety rules, such as safety with guns, sharp tools, and fire, and when riding on wheels or in cars. They will also learn ways to help them decide if something is safe or not.
- **Touching Safety:** *In accordance with Erin's Law*, students will learn about safe, unsafe and unwanted touches, and rules about touching private parts. They'll also learn to say no to unsafe or unwanted touches, and to tell an adult if someone breaks rules about touching private body parts. You can find more information regarding Erin's Law at www.nysed.gov/curriculum-instruction/erins-law.
- **Assertiveness:** These lessons will also give students a chance to practice asking an adult for help, telling an adult about an unsafe situation, and being assertive to get out of unsafe situations.

If you have any questions about the *Second Step* Child Protection Unit, you may go online to **SecondStep.org** and log in with the Activation Key based on your child's grade to get more information regarding what your child is learning in the Child Protection Unit.

Kindergarten: CPUK FAMI LYGK

First Grade: CPU1 FAMI LYG1

Second Grade: CPU2 FAMI LYG2

Thank you for helping us make our school a safe and supportive place where everyone can learn. If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact us at the emails provided below!

Sincerely,

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