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Dear Resident:

In accordance with New York State's Sex Offender Registration Act, local law enforcement agencies will be notifying school administrators of sex offenders living or working in this district. Such information may include the offender's address or zip code, photograph, crime of conviction, modus operandi, type of victim targeted and the description of any special conditions imposed on the offender. We have received notification about a Level 1 Sex Offender.

Any time we receive this information, it will be circulated to building principals, teachers, staff who issue visitor's passes, bus drivers, school social workers, attendance officers, school nurses, playground monitors, security personnel, coaches, PTA presidents, and to organizations that use school facilities after school. All staff have been directed to alert their supervisor if they observe any suspicious person(s) in an area where children congregate, and to contact local enforcement agencies if a sex offender is observed on school grounds or is loitering near a school.

We are dedicated to the safety of our children. All of our schools have strict sign-in/sign-out procedures for our students. All visitors must first report to a school aide at the main entrance for a visitor's pass which must be worn during their visit.

In order to provide residents with information concerning this matter, **the Board of Education will make the information available in the principal's office of each school building. This information may be reviewed during school hours.** By law, the school district is the only agency that can share this information with residents. Please be aware that it is *illegal* to use this information to commit a crime against, or to engage in illegal discrimination or harassment of those identified.

The information provided is in accordance with the N.Y.S. Correction Law, Article 6C, Sex offender Registration Act. You may visit the New York State Department of Criminal Justice Website, www.criminaljustice.state.ny.us for additional information about the Sex Offender Registration Act.

Sincerely,

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