



Dear Parents/Guardians,

The State of Tennessee is one of 31 states which have passed a law commonly referred to as 'Erin's Law' (T.C.A. § 37-1-601) in 2014. This law encourages schools across the state of Tennessee to provide age-appropriate instruction to students on personal body safety and how to report sexual abuse, including such abuse which may occur for students in grades kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. The bill is named after Erin Merryn, an Illinois native who was sexually abused as a child. For more information on Erin's Law, visit <http://www.tn.gov/sos/acts/108/pub/pc0706.pdf> and [www.erinslaw.org](http://www.erinslaw.org).

In fulfillment of Erin's Law, Maury County Public Schools has mandated annual staff development for all MCPS employees. Additionally, each individual school will be coordinating age and developmentally appropriate lessons, events, or assemblies specifically directed at helping to protect children from such tragedies as abduction, bullying, child abuse, drug abuse, and violence.

If you have any questions regarding this program, please contact your school's counselor(s) or administrators. If, for any reason, you do not wish for your child to participate in these programs, simply inform the school of your wishes in writing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robb Killen". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "R".

Dr. Robb Killen