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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Erin's Law, House Bill 6193 was signed by Governor Pat Quinn on January 24, 2013. This law requires schools to implement an age-appropriate sexual assault and abuse awareness and prevention curriculum for grades pre-K through 12. Kildeer Countryside CCSD 96 researched best practices and programs for delivering this instruction. We reviewed several recommended programs and visited several area school districts to observe programs in action. We are very pleased to share that **Victor Pacini** will be visiting our schools to deliver his program entitled, *Be Seen & Heard*©.

Mr. Pacini—survivor of sexual abuse, author, and motivational speaker—will be assisting our schools in implementing this mandate. Mr. Pacini's program is developmentally appropriate, interactive, and aligned with learning standards. He is a native to the area and has presented in front of over 850,000 students in numerous districts in Illinois and nationwide. He has been endorsed by the Illinois and National PTA organizations.

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:

- Distinguishing safe from unsafe touches
- Safety rules at home and school
- Saying "NO"
- Safe/Unsafe Secrets
- It's not the child's fault if someone touches him or her
- Telling a trusted adult

**We are hosting a parent informational evening with Mr. Pacini to preview the information that will be shared with the students and answer any questions. The parent event will be held on Tuesday, January 23rd, at Ivy Hall Elementary School at 6:00 PM in the Mat Room. Mr. Pacini will be presenting at each of our schools on the following dates:**

**Country Meadows Elementary School – Tuesday, February 6<sup>th</sup>**

**Ivy Hall Elementary School – Thursday, January 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Prairie Elementary School – Monday, February 5<sup>th</sup>**

**Kildeer Countryside School – Wednesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Willow Grove Early Learning Center – Wednesday, January 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Requests to Opt-Out:** If you prefer that your child opt-out of this prevention education session, please submit your written request to your child's principal.

Respectfully,

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