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Dear CCIS Parents/Guardians,

On **April 10th**, a speaker from Guardian Angel Community Services will be presenting to CCIS students at CCES during an assembly. The presentation includes a storybook titled ***Matilda Learns a Valuable Lesson by Holly-ann Martin***. The preventionist will introduce topics regarding safe and unsafe touch, the words comfortable and uncomfortable, as well as how to ask for help when they or someone they know is afraid or hurt.

Information and other resources on “Erin’s Law” can be found at: <https://www.gacsprograms.org/>. If you wish to view the actual presentation, please contact the school for the code to access the PDF. If you have any specific questions regarding the “Erin’s Law” presentation you can contact Mason Crawford via email at mcrawford@gacsprograms.org or at (815) 729-0930 Ext. 1565.

“Erin’s Law” requires that all public schools in each state implement a prevention-oriented child sexual abuse program which teaches students in grades PreK – 12th grade, age-appropriate techniques to recognize child sexual abuse and tell a trusted adult.

“Erin’s Law” is named after childhood sexual assault survivor, author, speaker and activist Erin Merryn, who is the founder and President of “Erin’s Law,” which is registered with the State of Illinois and the IRS as a 501 (c)(4) non-profit social welfare organization. After Erin introduced the legislation in her home state of Illinois, the bill was named after Erin by legislators and it is acknowledged nationwide. Illinois is the first state by law to mandate child sexual abuse prevention.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school at (815) 634-2182, ext. 0.

Sincerely,

Tracy Carlson, Principal
Grace Thelo, School Social Worker