On January 24, 2013, Gov. Pat Quinn signed a new law, Erin’s Law, into effect for all Illinois schools. Erin’s Law requires schools to provide age-appropriate sexual abuse prevention education for all students, Pre-K - 12, on an annual basis. In accordance with the state and federal law, all students in Pre-K through 12th grade will receive age-appropriate training from the District. The Office of Student Protections and Title IX has collaborated across a number of departments to create developmentally appropriate sessions that will allow students to identify abuse and empower them to report any wrongdoing that may have occurred. The sessions have been broken down by PreK-3rd Grade, 4th-8th Grade, and 9th-12th Grade, and are all around 30-45 minutes. The training will take place on May 26, 2021.

The Office of Student Protections and Title IX Sexual Misconduct and Title IX Student Training covers the following 5 learning objectives in developmentally appropriate language:

1. Students will understand CPS Title IX Policy and Discrimination Statement
2. Students will know who the Title IX Coordinator is, what OSP does, how to get in touch with OSP
3. Students will understand what constitutes sexual harassment
4. Students will be aware of the resources available to students who report sexual harassment or retaliation, including interim measures pending an investigation
5. Students will know what to do if they believe they or other students have been subjected to sexual harassment

This is an important learning opportunity for students to understand their body and how to protect themselves. However, a parent/guardian may opt their child out of the training if they do not wish for them to participate. The opt-out form will be good for the current school year:

I hereby request that my child ___________________________ who attends ____________________________, opt-out of participation in the Erin’s Law sexual abuse prevention presentation for the 2020-2021 school year.

Parent/Guardian Signature: __________________________ Date: ______________

**Please return this letter to the Building Principal.**

For questions about course content, please submit them here, and the OSP Training Team will get back to you as soon as possible. Thank you for making CPS a safe place to learn for our students.