Dear Parents and/or Guardians,

We all share a common goal for our children to be safe and protected from all things harmful. Related to that goal, school counselors are required to present annual personal safety lessons designed to prevent sexual abuse. The Think First & Stay Safe™ program is a research-based program that teaches specific personal safety education by way of interactive classroom lessons, classroom posters, role playing and corresponding activities. Think First & Stay Safe™ enables students to take an active and necessary role in protecting themselves from abuse and exploitation.

Due to the importance of this topic, I want you to know when and how you may preview the materials and when I will be presenting this information to your child's class. During the months of January through March, I will be running the sexual abuse prevention and safety lessons to all K-5 students. For specifics as to when I will be visiting each grade level, please see my Core Curriculum Plan for your child’s grade level available on my website. You can access my website through the ‘Counselor’ tab on the White Oak website.

If you are interested in attending a preview of the materials, I will be offering parent previews for K-2nd grade on Tuesday, December 18th at both 7:45 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. For a 3rd – 5th grade preview, please come on Wednesday, December 19th at 7:45 a.m. or 1:00 p.m. If you are unable to attend any of the offered dates/times, please feel free to call me to schedule an alternate time for an individual preview. I am more than happy to see parents individually.

You can also learn more about the detailed lesson plans and research behind this program at www.childluresprevention.com. Please be aware that more information is provided on the website than is actually used in Gwinnett County. The plan for Gwinnett includes: the key concepts taught at all grade levels; each grade reviews what was learned in the previous grade(s) and then learns additional lures or tricks. Specifics are provided below:

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<th>Key Concepts</th>
<th>You can use your built-in computer and make safe choices.</th>
<th>People are like the weather. Most are safe, but they can change.</th>
<th>Lures are tricks used to get children away from safe adults and safe place.</th>
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<td>Your instincts help keep you safe.</td>
<td>A stranger is someone you don’t know.</td>
<td>Someone may even use threats to trick you.</td>
<td>No one can take away your dignity.</td>
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K  Review key concepts | Pet Lure | Name Lure |
1st Review key concepts | Assistance Lure | Fun & Games Lure | Affection Lure |
2nd Review key concepts | Bribery Lure | Friendship Lure |
3rd Review key concepts | Emergency Lure | Authority Lure | Hero Lure |
4th Review key concepts | Job Lure | Ego/Fame Lure | Online Lure |
5th Review key concepts | Review All Lures | Video: Breaking the Silence |

If you prefer that your child not participate in the sexual abuse and safety prevention lessons, please write and sign a note indicating your preferences and send it to myself or your child’s teacher. As always, I am available to discuss any concerns you might have. Unless written documentation is received, your child will participate in the sexual abuse prevention and safety lessons.

Sincerely,

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