



Dear Parents & Guardians,

Effective July 1, 2018, Georgia Senate Bill 401 requires annual age-appropriate sexual abuse and assault awareness and prevention education in kindergarten through grades 9 (O.C.G.A. § 20-2-143). The Buford City School System will be utilizing Childhelp Speak Up Be Safe as a resource to comply with this state requirement. Your child's School Counselor will provide a lesson from Childhelp Speak Up Be Safe to teach the skills needed to identify unsafe situations and prevent or interrupt cycles of neglect, bullying and abuse. Please visit www.speakupbesafe.org for more information about this resource. You may also contact your child's School Counselor with any questions or concerns.

The program is voluntary, which means that you do not have to allow your child to participate. Please sign and return the bottom of this letter only if you **DO NOT** want your child to participate. If we do not receive the form, we will assume your child has permission to be included in the lesson. If you have questions about this form, please contact your child's School Counselor.

Thank you for helping to build a strong safety net for our children!

Sincerely,

Dr. Amy Chafin
Director of Curriculum & Instruction

Jenny Poole
Director of Curriculum & Instruction

Cut here and return slip to school if you **DO NOT** want your child to participate by _____ .

No, I do not want my child to participate in the Childhelp Speak Up Be Safe program.

Child's Name _____ Grade _____

Child's Teacher _____

Parent Name (please print) _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____