



Little Falls Township Public Schools

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are writing this communication regarding a program we will be implementing in the Little Falls School District. The New Jersey Department of Education has adopted a new mandate concerning Human Trafficking. We will be implementing the Connect for Freedom program to address the new standards. Additionally, the program will provide prevention protocols for your child not to become a victim of human trafficking including how to stay safe online. The timing of these lessons will occur in the spring, your school principal will reach out to you with more information at that time.

The program will include:

- Lesson plans for teachers with interactive games and quizzes
- Student awareness campaigns
- Parent and caregiver presentations, training guides and resources
- School district response protocol and implementation guide
- Faculty training

If you suspect your child is a victim of human trafficking, please contact the Department of Homeland Security at 1-866-347-2423. If you learn that your child has been sexually exploited, please contact the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children's CyberTipline at 1-800-843-5678.

The local police department and prosecutor's office will be contacted if a child has been approached, groomed, enticed online, or is a victim of human trafficking. If you have any questions regarding this program, please contact our Curriculum Coordinator, Elba Castrovinci at ecastrovinci@lfschools.org.

We hope you can attend our parent presentation on Tuesday, February 11, 2025 from 5-6 PM at School No. 1 all purpose room to learn more about this mandate and how we will work together to continue to keep our children safe.

Educationally yours,

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