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Subject: Required Student Safety Video – State Mandate

Dear TMS Families and Staff,

As required by Session Law 2023-128 (Protecting Our Students Act), all North Carolina public school units must provide students in grades 6–12 with specific information related to child abuse and neglect within the first five days of school.

This law mandates the delivery of age-appropriate materials—including a video—developed by the Center for Safer Schools (CFSS). These materials aim to educate students on:

- Recognizing signs of abuse and neglect (including sexual abuse),
- Knowing how and where to report concerns, and
- Understanding that reporting is confidential, as permitted by law.

Pender County Schools will show the required videos at the beginning of the school year, as mandated. Additional resources such as posters and student documents will also be distributed and displayed in accordance with the law.

To learn more about the requirements or preview the materials, you can visit - <https://bit.ly/3HbOgAg>

To opt your student out of viewing the videos, Pender County Schools asks that you sign and return [this letter](#) . In an effort to reach everyone, the letter will also be sent home on the first day of school, and should be returned NO LATER than Thursday, August 27th. Only one letter needs to be signed and returned.

We encourage you to view the video in an effort to make an informed decision: [Middle School Video](#)

We appreciate your support in helping us ensure all students feel informed, supported, and safe as they begin the new school year.

Sincerely,

Dr. Alan McNaughton
Topsail Middle School