

Shawswick Elementary & Middle Schools

71 Shawswick School Road

Bedford, IN 47421

January 25, 2019

Dear Shawswick Schools Parent/Guardian,

In 2018, Indiana Senate Enrolled Act 355 Child Abuse Education and Policies were expanded. This law requires schools to implement an age-appropriate sexual abuse awareness and prevention curriculum for grades K through 12.

Victor Pacini, a survivor of sexual abuse, author and motivational speaker, has created an online program, "Be Seen and Heard," to assist our schools in implementing this state mandate. Mr. Pacini's program is developmentally appropriate, interactive, and aligned with learning standards. The focus of his presentation is to teach children basic skills to keep them safe from dangerous or abusive situations. The concepts that will be discussed are:

- Distinguishing safe from unsafe touches
- Safety rules at home and school
- Saying "NO"
- Safe/Unsafe Secrets
- It's not the child's fault if someone touches him or her
- Telling a trusted adult

We will be presenting Mr. Pacini's online modules in our schools later in the semester. We feel this is important information to share with all children for their protection. In preparation for these online modules, we at Shawswick would like to offer a couple of opportunities to preview and better understand the overall structure of the *Be Seen and Heard* program. The first is a 15 minute video from Mr. Pacini, entitled, *Peace of Mind* explaining his program and we encourage you to review online at

www.victorpacini.com/peace-of-mind

If you would prefer to view the aforementioned video onsite at Shawswick, we are offering multiple viewing options on **Tuesday, January 29, 2019**, in the Middle School Library at the following times:

3:30pm; 4pm; 4:30pm; 5pm; 6pm

We would encourage you to explore either of these options to better understand what your students will be learning due to this recent state law. Thank you for your time and for sending your students to Shawswick Elementary and Shawswick Middle School.

Sincerely,

Mr. Hein Tlustek and Mr. Lucas P. Calhoun
Principals