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Dear Parent/Guardians:

District 161 continues to take measures to enhance a positive and safe school environment for our students and staff. Recent changes in the law that governs the Illinois Sex Offender Registry, requires all school districts to notify parents/guardians annually at parent-teacher conferences and at student registration that they may access information regarding registered sex offenders. This change in the law is intended to increase awareness of the Illinois Sex Offender Registry (I-SOR), and to encourage parents to review this information.

The Illinois Sex Offenders Registry is available through a link on the Illinois State Police website at <http://www.isp.state.il.us>. Individuals may search the database by name, zip code, or county. Access is free.

Sincerely,

**Donna C. Joy, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools**