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Dear Parent/Guardian:

Please be advised that from time to time during the school year, the District will notify South Orangetown Central School District residents that a sex offender is residing at a specific residence within the community.

In accordance with the Sex Offender Registration Act (Megan's Law) the Board of Education supports the New York State Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) in its effort to inform the community in certain circumstances of the presence of individuals with a history of sexual offenses, particularly against children, in the school locality. This policy is enacted in order to minimize the possibility that the sex offender will come in contact with school-age children and to assist law enforcement agencies in preventing further criminal activity from occurring. Furthermore, the District shall cooperate with local police authorities and the local community in promoting and protecting the safety and well-being of its students.

It is the policy of the Board of Education to disseminate all information which the District receives from local police authorities in conjunction with Megan's Law to designated staff members who might have possible contact with the offender during the course of their school duties, including, but not limited to, building principals, supervisors, teachers, office personnel, coaches, custodians, bus drivers, and security personnel.

We are dedicated to the safety of our children. All of our schools have sign-in/sign-out procedures for parents of our students and all visitors must first report to the school's main office for a visitor's pass.

We encourage you to talk to your children about personal safety.

Please be assured that the school district will continue to take responsible and appropriate measures to protect our students. For additional information, please see the reverse side.

Sincerely,

Ken Mitchell, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

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