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Dear Parent(s) / Guardian(s):

Florida's Governor and First Lady DeSantis have been advocates for the mental health and wellness of all Florida students. As a result, during the 2019 Florida Legislative session, two new legislative requirements were enacted that directly impacts our elementary students in regards to mental health and safety.

- State Board of Education Rule 6A-1.094122 is the Substance Use and Abuse Health Education rule. This rule requires public schools to provide instruction to students in grades K-12 related to youth substance use and abuse health education. Okaloosa County School District has chosen to meet this requirement through Red Ribbon Week activities focusing on age appropriate drug prevention lessons and activities. You can view the district's specific plan submitted to the Florida Department of Education at:  
[https://www.okaloosaschools.com/files/\\_site/dept/curriculum/SubstanceUseAbuse.pdf](https://www.okaloosaschools.com/files/_site/dept/curriculum/SubstanceUseAbuse.pdf)
- State Board of Education Rule 6A-1.094123 is the Child Trafficking Prevention Education rule. This rule requires public school districts to provide instruction to students in grades K-12 related to child trafficking prevention and awareness. Okaloosa County School District has chosen to continue to use Monique Burr Foundation for Children's Child / Teen Safety Matters Programs to meet this requirement. This program has been in place in our elementary schools for three (3) years now. For more information on this program you can go to the Monique Burr Foundation website at <https://www.mbfpreventioneducation.org/> . You can view the district's specific plan submitted to the Florida Department of Education at:  
[https://www.okaloosaschools.com/files/\\_site/dept/curriculum/ChildTraffickingPrevention.pdf](https://www.okaloosaschools.com/files/_site/dept/curriculum/ChildTraffickingPrevention.pdf) .

As always, as a school district, it is our goal to keep you informed and to provide a safe and healthy environment for your child to learn and grow. It is our hope that through meeting these legislative requirements your child will have the tools they need to be safe, successful, and healthy. If you have questions about these requirements or the programs we are using to meet these requirements, you may contact your school or the Student Services Department at 833-3108.

Sincerely,

Marcus D. Chambers  
Superintendent