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Dear Parents/Guardians:

As many of you are aware, there is signed legislation that requires that all level 2 and 3 sex offenders be listed on a website maintained by the NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) under New York's Sex Offender Registration Act. Although the law does not allow level 1 sex offenders to be listed on the Criminal Justice website, it does authorize the expansion of public notice for these offenders. To provide the most current and accurate information, listed below is additional and new instructions on accessing this information. Please note that the Cortland Police Dept. link includes Level 1 offenders, without pictures, as they are not allowed to be published.

- 1. The New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services is partnering with NY-ALERT to allow you to sign up to receive free alerts – via e-mail, text message or fax – whenever a Level 2 or Level 3 sex offender listed on the [DCJS website](http://www.criminaljustice.state.ny.us/nsor/nyalert.htm) moves into or out of a community or location of interest to you and your family. For more information go to: www.criminaljustice.state.ny.us/nsor/nyalert.htm**
- 2. Sex offenders under the jurisdiction of the Cortland City Police who reside in the City of Cortland, NY, can be found by going to their link at: www.cortland.org/city/police/sexoffenders.htm**
- 3. Public computers for accessing this information can be found at:**
 - Cortland Free Library, 32 Church St.
 - Mon.-Thurs., 9:30 AM – 8:00 PM; Fri., 9:30 AM – 5:30 PM; Sat., 9:30 AM – 4:30 PM.
 - East End Community Center, 46 Elm St.
 - Mon. through Friday - 11:30 AM – 2:30 PM – Phone 428-0497 to confirm that they are open
- 4. Telephone: Sex Offender Registry Information Line - 1-800-262-3257** for questions on Level 1, 2, or 3 offenders, Mon. – Fri., 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM.
- 5. Local Law Enforcement:** City Police Dept. Records Section (758-8305) and County Sheriff (753-3311) can be contacted; however, the main contact for identifiable information should be numbers 1 or 2 above, or the 800 number listed in number 4.
- 6. All school buildings have identifiable information available should you be unable to use the above methods.** Before viewing this information, you will be asked your name, address, and to verify the same disclaimer as on the registry. Our purpose in providing this information is to promote public safety. However, please note that the subdirectory states: **“Anyone who uses this information to injure, harass, or commit a criminal act against any person may be subject to criminal prosecution.”**

Please review **“Knowing My 8 Rules for Safety”** with your children.

Sincerely,

Laurence T. Spring
Superintendent of Schools

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KNOWING MY 8 RULES FOR SAFETY

1.	I always check first with my parents or the person in charge before I go anywhere or get into a car, even with someone I know.
2.	I always check first with my parents or a trusted adult before I accept anything from anyone, even from someone I know.
3.	I always take a friend with me when I go places or play outside.
4.	I know my name, address, telephone number, and my parents' names.
5.	I say no if someone tries to touch me or treat me in a way that makes me feel scared, uncomfortable, or confused.
6.	I know that I can tell my parents or a trusted adult if I feel scared, uncomfortable, or confused.
7.	It's OK to say no, and I know that there will always be someone who can help me.
8.	I am strong, smart, and have the right to be safe.

CHECK FIRST

TAKE A FRIEND

TELL SOMEONE I TRUST IF SOMETHING IS WRONG

STAY STRONG, SMART, AND SAFE