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Dear Parent or Guardian,

This school year, your child will receive Human Trafficking Awareness Education. Georgia's Senate Bill 287 mandates that all students in grades 6-12 receive instruction concerning trafficking prevention and awareness.

All communities, whether urban, rural, or suburban are vulnerable to this injustice. Students are one of the highest-risk populations and traffickers are targeting them to become both victims and perpetrators. In fact, many child victims of human trafficking are students in the American school system. We can save lives by teaching students how to recognize the warning signs of human trafficking and who to contact for assistance.

Parents are the primary educators of their children. We want to support you in creating a safe environment to dispel anxiety and fear and in providing opportunities for children to learn how to keep themselves safe. Below are a few ways to start discussions with your child about human trafficking awareness education:

1. **Talk about exploitation.** What does it mean for someone to take advantage of you? How does it look? How does it feel? What are some examples of exploitation?
2. **Talk about protective factors.** How can you protect yourself and look out for your friends? What are your skills and talents? What are your goals? What value do you bring to your friends and family?
3. **Use empowering language.** What are your strengths? What decisions do you get to make for yourself?
4. **Use language that resonates with youth.** What kind of language are people using to talk about unhealthy relationships? What trends have you noticed that may be unsafe?
5. **Express that you care and are concerned about their safety.** Are you worried about any of your friends? What experiences make you feel unsafe?

Social Studies teachers, counselors, and other appointed teachers have been asked to deliver this Human Trafficking Awareness lesson between the dates of March 28th and May 20th. If you would like to view this single lesson prior to instruction, Bulloch County will be offering a **Parent Review Night on Monday, March 21, 2022, from 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM** at the **District Office/Board Room** or you may contact **Debbie Sarratt** at the District Office. (912-212-8566)

Parents/guardians have the option of excluding their child/children from this single-day lesson if it is in conflict with your personal conscience, morality, or religious beliefs. If this is the case with your child, please fill out the attached opt-out form and send it to your child's teacher. Students who are opted-out will be sent to a supervised location with an alternate assignment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charles Wilson".

Charles Wilson, Superintendent
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You are invited
to attend the
Bulloch County School
Human Trafficking
Awareness Lesson
Review for
Parents/Guardians

Bulloch County Board of Education
District Office
Board Room
Monday, March 21, 2022

5:30-6:00 PM or 6:00-6:30 PM
Appointments ONLY - Sign up using Eventbrite

<https://tinyurl.com/HumanTraffickReview>

*Parents/Guardians will have the opportunity to review the
Human Trafficking lesson and ask questions.*

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Human Trafficking Awareness Opt-Out Form

Please complete and return if you do NOT want your child to participate in the one-day Human Trafficking Awareness lesson.

I wish for my child, _____, a student at
(Student Name)
_____, to be excused from the one-day
(School Name)

Human Trafficking Awareness lesson. I understand that he/she will be sent to a separate supervised area to complete an alternate assignment.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Printed Name _____

Date _____ Cell Number _____

Your Child's Teacher: _____

Debbie Sarratt
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