



Dear Parent or Guardian,

This year your child's school will be using the *MBF Child Safety Matters*® program from the Monique Burr Foundation for Children. The goal of this program is to help keep your child safe.

Child Safety Matters® empowers children to spot and respond to bullying, cyberbullying, child abuse, and digital dangers. Most importantly, it teaches that adults are responsible for children's safety. This program is based on the latest research and has been reviewed and endorsed by national experts.

Why does your child need a safety program?

- 10% of children are abused before their 18th birthday
- 14% of children have been solicited online before their 18th birthday
- 28% of students have been bullied
- 90% of children between the ages of 8 and 16 have viewed explicit material online

***Child Safety Matters*® teaches about these dangers by:**

- Using child-friendly language
- Playing fun games and activities
- Providing take-home items to remind children of the lessons

Children who grow-up free from abuse perform better in school and go on to enjoy healthier, happier, and safer lives. You can learn more about the program by contacting Audrey (Community Educator at the JACY House) at 765-962-9043; or by visiting www.mbfpreventioneducation.org.

IF YOU DO NOT WANT YOUR CHILD TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM, COMPLETE THE FORM BELOW AND RETURN TO YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER.



I understand that returning this form means **I DO NOT WANT MY CHILD TO PARTICIPATE** in the *MBF Child Safety Matters*® lessons. I UNDERSTAND THEY WILL NOT RECEIVE THE IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION contained in the program.

Student's Name: _____ Grade: _____

Reason for declining the program: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Phone Number: _____