

Jackson Local Schools

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

RE: Safety and Violence Education for Students (SAVE Students) Act

The Ohio 133rd General Assembly passed House Bill 123, known as the "Safety and Violence Education for Students (SAVE Students) Act," which addresses school safety, youth suicide awareness, and related training. This legislation mandates a collaborative approach to school safety involving the Ohio Departments of Education, Public Safety, Mental Health and Addiction Services, and the Attorney General's Office.

Starting in the 2023-2024 school year, and each year thereafter, students in grades 6 through 12 are required to receive at least one hour (or one standard class period) of evidence-based instruction annually in the following areas:

- Suicide awareness and prevention
- Safety training and violence prevention
- Social inclusion

To fulfill these requirements, the local school board must use a training program approved by the Ohio Department of Education. Parents will have the option to opt their children out of this instruction if they choose.

Jackson Local Schools has selected the Sandy Hook Promise curriculum for safety and violence prevention, which includes the use of the SS-ARS Tip Line. This instruction will occur in October. Additional information regarding social inclusion and suicide awareness and prevention training will be provided at a later date.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Professionally,

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