



## ITASCA SCHOOL DISTRICT 10

Mr. Craig Benes, Superintendent

Dr. Heidi Weeks, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning

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Dear Parents and/or Guardians:

The District 10 Board of Education and Administration consistently are addressing issues that impact the safety of the boys and girls in our school system. The Board of Education has adopted policies that support these efforts, and administrators have developed procedures to support these policies. As much as we would like to live in a perfect world, the reality is that we face societal challenges on a daily basis.

There have been several laws passed recently that help protect students on school grounds from individuals convicted of serious crimes. In order for you as parents and/or guardians to assist us in our goal of keeping children safe, the school district would like to make you aware that information about sex offenders is available to the public. The Illinois Sex Offender Registry is available through a link on the Illinois State Police website, at <http://www.isp.state.il.us/>. Individuals may search the database by name, zip code or county. Access is free.

A child sex offender is prohibited from being present on school property or loitering within 500 feet of school property when persons under the age of 18 are present unless specifically permitted by statute. In addition, individuals being hired to work in District 10 must have a fingerprint background check.

Please feel free to contact me or your building principal if you have questions about the laws or procedures being implemented in your child's school.

Sincerely,

Mr. Craig Benes  
Superintendent of Schools