

NOTE TO SCHOOL/DISTRICT STAFF

Recent legislation requires school districts to notify their employees that official information regarding sex offenders living in the school community is available for review at each school office and in the District Office. The regulations also require that we provide you with the information below regarding the use of the information contained in the notification and additional resources available to community members and employees.

Community notification of sex offenders is the responsibility of the law enforcement agencies. The posting of this information is required by law and is available on the Delaware State Police Sex Offender Registry website, <http://desexoffender.dsp.delaware.gov/SexOffenderPublic>. All individuals, adult or juvenile, who are convicted or adjudicated of a number of sex offenses, are required by law to be registered. Please note that not all sex offenders are child predators or pose a threat to children.

School districts and charter schools are required to provide to parents, guardians, and staff any notification of registered sex offenders received by the Superintendent/principal of the District/school from the police. School districts and charter schools must follow guidelines designed to ensure the appropriate distribution of such notifications. The guidelines are available at www.doe.state.de.us and www.state.de.us/kids.

Do use the information in a responsible manner that will facilitate the safety and well-being of those in your care. Remain alert and exercise appropriate caution to protect those in your care or supervision. Advise the school principal or law enforcement agency if you believe anyone poses a threat to other persons.

Report child abuse by calling 800-292-9582. Report emergencies by calling 911.

Refer students, parents, and guardians with questions about information on personal safety to your District, school, or charter school office. Parents may also call Prevent Child Abuse Delaware at 302-254-4611 or 302-674-1112.

If you or another adult would like more information about the Sex Offenders Registry, contact the Delaware State Police at 302-739-5882.

For any inquiries about a notification or specific offenders, please refer to the law enforcement agency with primary jurisdiction of the offender's registered address.

Do not conduct classroom or individual discussions with students or parents and guardians. Do not post or display a notification in a public location. Remember that it is in the best interests of the children that parents or guardians share information of this kind in an age-appropriate manner that results in their personal safety.

Do not take any action that may in any way harm or harass the offender or the offender's family, household members, or employer. Do not attempt to harass the offender or make unsolicited, unwanted contact. If you believe anyone is a physical threat to you or children in your care, please contact your local police.

Anyone who uses this information to commit a crime against another person is subject to criminal prosecution.