

## Westerville South High School

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Michael Starner, Principal

## Dear Parents/Guardians:

On July 1, 1997, a new law became effective concerning the tracking and community notification of the whereabouts of convicted sex offenders. Under Chapter 2950 of the Ohio Revised Code, certain convicted sex offenders must register with the county sheriff's office when they move into the area.

By law, the county sheriff's office is required to notify the school superintendent when a sex offender, whom the Court determines is subject to community notification provisions, moves into a geographical area. The law permits the school superintendent to inform parents that a registered sex offender has moved into our school attendance area.

Because the safety of the children who attend the Westerville City Schools is of our utmost concern, we believe it is important to notify you that a registered sex offender is residing within the Westerville City School District.

The law, however, does not allow us to share any information about the offender with parents. Certain information about the offender is public record and is available pursuant to Section 149.43 of the Ohio Revised Code only through the sheriff's office. Interested persons may contact the Franklin County Sheriff's Office at (614) 462-3350 or <a href="https://www.sheriff.franklin.oh.us">www.sheriff.franklin.oh.us</a> or the Delaware County Sheriff's Office at (740) 833-2860 or <a href="https://www.delawarecountysheriff.com">www.delawarecountysheriff.com</a>.

Sincerely,

Michael W. Starner

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