**Email template:**

Dear [Principal],

The news stories of sexually abused children and youth athletes, cyberbullying, and other harm done to children have really heightened my awareness about how much our youth need to be protected – and how prevention education can truly protect children.

I plan to take time in the days ahead to talk to my child about red flags that could indicate an unsafe situation, and how they can avoid those situations and tell me or another Safe Adult – including teachers. These are not easy conversations to have, but they need to happen. The statistics make that clear:

* More than 3 million children are abused in the U.S. every year
* 1 in 10 children will be sexually abused before their 18th birthday
* 1 in 4 children will be bullied and 1 in 5 cyberbullied while in school

I have recently learned that **95% of abuse is preventable** **through education**. The Monique Burr Foundation for Children (MBF) is a nonprofit based in Jacksonville, Florida that provides prevention education programs. Their *MBF Child Safety Matters*® and *MBF Teen Safety Matters®*programs are comprehensive, evidence-based prevention curricula that help protect students from abuse, bullying, cyberbullying and digital abuse. And, they’re easy to implement, don’t take up a lot of classroom time, and are available at a minimal cost (they are provided free to Florida public schools).

I would love to see our local schools using these programs to better protect all students! Please visit [www.mbfpreventioneducation.org](http://www.mbfpreventioneducation.org) or email info@mbfpreventioneducation.org to get more information on the programs.

Sincerely,

[Signature]