**Email template to principal from parent about MBF Prevention Education Programs:**

Dear [Principal],

It seems we are constantly bombarded with news stories of children who are abused, bullied, and exploited. It has 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 if something happens. 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
* The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children received calls about 325,000 images of exploited children on the Internet in 2018
* 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 also recently learned that **95% of sexual 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. I appreciate all you do to help protect not only my child, but all children.

Sincerely,

[Signature]