

# Southern Local School District

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Beginning in the 2023-2024 school year, schools are required (by the Ohio Department of Education) to provide developmentally appropriate instruction in child sexual abuse prevention to students in grades K through 6. Though it is our sincerest hope they will never encounter these dangers, we know we must equip them with the proper and adequate defenses, just in case.

Stop Child Abuse and Neglect (SCAN) is a program from Family Services Association in Moraine, Ohio. They are passionate about safeguarding children from harm, specifically from the harm caused by child sexual abuse. For more than twenty years, SCAN has been training parents and children to prevent and protect against child sexual abuse (CSA).

I Can Tell is a trauma-informed, CSA-prevention program created by SCAN to empower children to protect themselves from risks and abuse. SCAN is offering I Can Tell at Southern Local Elementary on December 11th & 12th. Each training is facilitated by trauma-informed, prevention-credentialed staff who are passionate, nurturing and upbeat. During the 45- 60 minute program, they will teach your child the following:

- ❖ Trusted Adults are the adults in our lives we know will listen to us and provide us the safety we need. Anytime we feel uncomfortable or unsafe, we can go to a Trusted Adult for help and protection.
- ❖ We are allowed to say “no” to anyone who wants to look at or touch us. Our bodies belong to us, so we get to choose who touches us and how. If anyone makes us feel uncomfortable or unsafe, we can find a Trusted Adult.
- ❖ Good secrets make us feel happy and excited, and are about something that makes us/others feel good; Bad secrets make us feel uncomfortable and unsafe, and are about something hurtful or dangerous.

You can take a look at their curriculum by viewing the following [video](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fvcCyQnbNIY) at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fvcCyQnbNIY>

If you choose to not have your child attend this program, please return this form with your signature, by December 6th to your child’s teacher. If we do not receive a form from you, your child will receive the SCAN prevention program in class. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me at [jacquelyn.collins@slindians.org](mailto:jacquelyn.collins@slindians.org) or call me at 330-679-2301 ext 4062.

Sincerely,  
Jackie Collins, School Counselor

I am choosing to **NOT have** my child attend \_\_\_\_\_ (child’s name) in grade \_\_\_\_\_ from the SCAN program.

Name of parent or guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of parent or guardian : \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_