



East Meadow School District

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OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

LOUIS R. DeANGELO
Superintendent of Schools

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Dear Parents,

The East Meadow School District has replaced its mailed sex offender notification procedure with an e-mail notification system developed by *Parents for Megan's Law (PFML)*. Funded by county, state and federal governments, *PFML* is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to the prevention of childhood sexual abuse through the provision of education, advocacy, counseling, policy and legislative support services. Subscribers to *PFML's* e-mail alert system will be notified when a moderate or high-risk sex offender moves into the Suffolk or Nassau County Police Department's jurisdiction and will be directed to the *Parents for Megan's Law* website to access a full copy of the notification provided by county law enforcement agencies. This service is provided to residents at no cost. We urge you to enroll in this important program.

A registration form is available on the *Parents for Megan's Law* website for those who wish to enroll in the e-mail alert system. The website has been enhanced and upgraded to allow community members to now select specific zip codes for which they would like to receive notifications. Once you have registered, the organization will notify you via e-mail each time the Suffolk or Nassau County Police Department distributes a sex offender notice. If you choose not to register for the e-mail alerts, you may still access the information by logging onto the *PFML* website at www.parentsformeganslaw.com. Residents without Internet access may utilize computer facilities at the East Meadow Public Library to register and/or to check for updates. Please be aware that, state law makes it illegal to use this information to commit a crime against any of these individuals or to engage in illegal discrimination or harassment against these individuals.

It is necessary that we all take this opportunity to review safety rules with children and remind them to avoid circumstances that increase their vulnerability. Please keep this in the proper perspective for your children by reassuring them that we do have a safe community, but that they need to be alert and careful.

We will continue to notify our staff in each of our schools of sex offender information received by the Nassau County Police Department. I assure you that the safety of your children is our number one priority. Should you have any further questions, please contact the *Parents for Megan's Law Resource and Support Center* helpline at (631) 689-2672 or (888) ASK-PFML.

Sincerely,

Louis R. DeAngelo
Superintendent of Schools

cc: Board of Education
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