



Dear Parents and/or Guardians,

Every day young people are challenged by decisions that can have serious consequences in their lives. Many of these decisions are related to our legal system.

In order to promote knowledge of law, I am planning to incorporate a curriculum called *Play by the Rules*, which is designed to teach Connecticut law. This curriculum was developed by the Alabama Center for Law & Civic Education and is coordinated in Connecticut by the Connecticut Consortium for Law & Citizenship Education.

*Play by the Rules* is a curriculum designed to educate our youth on Connecticut law. It covers topics including legal rights and responsibilities, the juvenile justice system, crimes, parent and child responsibilities, recreation, school, technology and work. The text is written in an easy-to-read question-and-answer format intended for use in all public, private and home schools. During this study of the law, you will be asked to participate in a few activities called "Taking Home the Law." Your child will bring home these assignments to be completed with your help.

At the end of this study, your child will receive his or her own copy of *Play by the Rules*. We encourage you to discuss the contents of this book with your child. Your support as parents and/or guardians will further strengthen your child's understanding and respect for the law.

Following the study of *Play by the Rules* you will receive a Parental Response Form. Please complete this form and return it to me. Thanks in advance for your cooperation and support.

Sincerely,