

September 17, 2006

Dear Parents/Guardians and Staff:

I write to inform you that I was advised by local law enforcement authorities today that a Level 3 sex offender is living on Camill Drive, Town of Poughkeepsie in the attendance area of numerous schools in the Arlington School District. The automobile driven by this individual is reported to be a green 2005 Acura, T.L. I am also advised of a Level 3 sex offender residing at Main Street, Poughkeepsie (Arlington).

I am distributing this information to parents, guardians, and staff to provide access to specific data on these offenders and to assist parents in providing guidance to your children without causing them undue concerns or fears and to provide information for the protections of our children.

School districts are permitted to alert "vulnerable populations" about the presence of a Level 3 sex offender. These individuals have served their sentences, but are monitored by probation and police agencies because they are deemed to be a high risk of re-offending. As we must balance the need to protect our children with citizen's privacy rights, I am providing you with web sites where you can access additional information about these individuals, as well as about other Level 3 sex offenders in Dutchess County:

- Dutchess County Website ([www.dutchessny.gov](http://www.dutchessny.gov))
- NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services ([www.criminaljustice.state.ny.us](http://www.criminaljustice.state.ny.us))
- Town of Poughkeepsie Police ([www.townpolice.net](http://www.townpolice.net))

If you do not have access to a computer or are having difficulty accessing these web sites, please do not hesitate to contact your principal, who will provide you with information. Please report any observations of suspicious behavior immediately to law enforcement officials.

Please be reminded that:

1. Most sex offenders are not strangers, but persons known to your child.
2. The best protection we can provide to children is to teach them about personal safety -- *Always report behavior that makes you uncomfortable to your parent or teacher; Never get in a car or go anywhere with a stranger; Don't let anyone touch you where you don't feel comfortable; etc.*

I will be writing to you again in the near future to inform you of future changes in our transportation arrangements that are essential to safeguarding the safety of our students.

Sincerely,

Frank V. Pepe, Jr.  
Superintendent of Schools

C: Principals  
School Transportation Personnel  
Private and Parochial Schools within Arlington

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