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Dear JoLynn:

The South Dakota Board of Education Standards and Department of Education recognize the tremendous impact mandatory reporters make in keeping South Dakota youth safe. Recently, we have focused on the relationship between educators and human trafficking, mandatory reporting, and student well-being. We recognize the wide variety of mandatory reporters, including teachers, school personnel, school officials, and school counselors, and the heavy utilization of the [DSS Video Training for Mandatory Reporters](#) across the state. Thank you for all you do in that effort.

As such, we are requesting the Division of Child Protection Services add information in its next revision of the training video to elaborate on human trafficking so mandatory reporters may recognize warning signs, know how to react to youth impacted by human trafficking, and report child abuse.

We are hopeful this measure will help add an additional layer of training to engage the wide variety of mandatory reporters throughout the state, including educators. In addition, the Department of Education is providing a training method by which educators may receive training specifically on human trafficking from the South Dakota Division of Criminal Investigation.

We appreciate your work to keep South Dakota youth safe.

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