

# NOTICE TO PARENTS



## INTRODUCING OUR NEW

### ANTI-BULLYING PROGRAM

Bullying behavior intimidates; it is disruptive; it jeopardizes the welfare of the student and the learning process. The U.S. Department of Education-National Center for Educational Statistics (NCES) reported, "Our nation's schools should be safe havens for teaching and learning, free of crime and violence. Any instance of crime or violence at school not only affects the individuals involved, but also may disrupt the educational process and affect bystanders, the school itself, and the surrounding community." (NCES citing Henry, 2000)

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s): Our new Anti-Bullying Program is designed to teach students what bullying behavior is and how to deal with it. Since bullying is a learned behavior, it must be stopped at the elementary school level. We all want our children to,

- + Feel safe at school, on school grounds, on the bus, and at the bus stop;
- + Be reminded of the good behavior that is expected in school, on buses, and at school bus stops;
- + Understand what bullying behavior is, versus just "having fun";
- + Adhere to our Anti-Bullying Code of Conduct (ABCofC) at school, on school grounds, at the bus stops, and on school buses;
- + Feel confident enough to report bullying behavior;
- + Know the person(s) they should go to when feeling threatened, afraid, or unhappy;
- + Help a student who might be afraid (or too young) to report being bullying.
- + Help others to understand what bullying is;
- + Follow the Anti-Bullying Code of Conduct;
- + Understand there will be consequences for bullying behavior;
- + Become involved and want to serve as Anti-Bullying Helper-of-the-week for their teacher;
- + Join with other students to help school administrators and teachers put an end to bullying behavior.

If administrators, teachers, parents/guardians, bus drivers, crossing guards—and students—work together, we can create a successful BULLY-FREE ZONE for students, and a safe haven for teaching and learning. We thank you in advance for your support of this program.

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