



*Galloway Township Public Schools*

*"Where Children and Learning Come First"*

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

We strongly believe that school can be a safe and nurturing environment for all. One of our goals is to continue to create a caring community at our school where everyone feels safe and has a sense of belonging. To facilitate this effort we are continuing our implementation of a state endorsed school wide safety program called *Bully Proofing Your School*.

This program will be most effective when the parental community, the administration, the staff, and the students all have a shared belief that kindness and a respect for each other is of great value in our school and contributes to a positive environment for better academic performance. With the *Bully Proofing Program* bullying and aggressive behaviors do not have a place at our school and will not be tolerated.

The Bully Proofing Program consists of six lessons that will be taught during September for Grades 1-8 and September and October for Kindergarten. There will also be follow-up lessons on the early dismissal days. The lessons are:

- 1- definition of bullying
- 2- recognizing aggressive, passive, and assertive behaviors
- 3- students learn to use "I" messages
- 4- recognize differences between telling and tattling
- 5- recognize and use bystander strategies
- 6- solving normal conflict

These topics will be reinforced and addressed throughout the school year. Letters posted on our district web site to further explain the topics taught and discussed at the school. Each school will present information regarding the program and law at their scheduled Back to School Night. Further information is located on the District's website.

Thank you for your support with this endeavor. Your commitment to this program is important in promoting a safe and positive academic environment.

Sincerely,

The Galloway Township Public School Administration