

Spencer-Owen Community Schools

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“All Spencer-Owen Community Schools students will learn, achieve, and succeed.”

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

Spencer-Owen Community Schools is committed to providing a safe, positive, productive, and nurturing educational environment for all students. Every day we work to ensure our schools are safe, welcoming environments to our students. Bullying, harassment, or any unkind behavior toward a student, whether by other students, staff, or third parties is strictly prohibited and will not be tolerated.

Every student is encouraged, and every staff member is required, to report any situation that they believe to be bullying behavior toward a student. Any student who believes he/she has been or is currently the victim of bullying should immediately report the situation to school administration or any school employee. All allegations of bullying are taken seriously and promptly investigated.

To reinforce this culture and commitment, all school staff are trained annually in bullying identification, prevention, and intervention. This training includes knowing the types of bullying, identifying bullying behavior, and responding to concerns of bullying in a timely manner. In addition, each of our schools has one or more trained School Safety Specialists and a Safe Schools Committee. Each year students receive age appropriate, research-based

instruction, by both certified teachers and counselors, focusing on bullying prevention. Our student groups - including student councils, service learning organizations, and student ambassadors – continue to reinforce the culture by providing messages of kindness and positivity toward one another.

We expect our students, who may be victims or bystanders, and parents to report any incidents of bullying to school staff so that we can take immediate action. There are multiple ways to make a report in Spencer-Owen Community Schools:

- Face to Face Conversations with school staff, including school resource officers
- Phone call or electronic mail to administration
- Safe Schools Alert reporting service (see attached document)
- Anonymous tip through the bully boxes and/or the Safe Schools Alert reporting service

The safety of our students is always our top priority, but we need your help in keeping our students safe. Should you have a concern about your student's safety, or the safety of any student or staff, please contact a school administrator immediately.

Sincerely,

Chad S. Briggs
Superintendent

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Report it!

SafeSchools Alert is our district's tip reporting service. If you have information about a threat to our safety, do your part and report it! And remember, you can remain anonymous.

REPORT TIPS ON:

- Bullying
- Intimidation
- Harassment
- Weapons
- Drugs
- Other

4 EASY WAYS

 <http://1590.alert1.us>

 1590@alert1.us

 812.652.4505

 Text your tips

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