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Serving the Towns of Dunbarton, Goffstown, and New Boston

Dear Parents and/or Guardians,

In an ever-changing world that provides unprecedented access to information and social media, schools and parents need to continue to be strong partners in the shared effort of preventing bullying in our schools and communities.

SAU #19 is committed to protecting students against bullying in all of our schools. Students and all staff in the Goffstown, New Boston, and Dunbarton schools are all taking part in a comprehensive Anti-bullying Project. Historically, SAU #19 has had very low numbers of bullying incidents and the Anti-bullying Project is designed to continue this trend. The Project has a focus on prevention and education (turn letter over for Project Summary). To that end, the following is provided:

- **School Board Policy JICK**

The policy is compliant with the new 'Bullying Law' RSA 193:F.

- **Parent Survey**

Parents are being asked to complete a brief 5 to 10 minute online survey to collect your feedback regarding bullying. The survey is anonymous. Upon completion of the survey, a 'homework pass' can be printed for your child as a thank you for your participation. The survey is available now through December 22, 2010. If you do not have internet access, please go to your town library or call the Main Office at your child's school to coordinate a time to take the survey there. The link to the survey is:

<https://spreadsheets1.google.com/viewform?authkey=CPieuasD&hl=en&formkey=dGc3V0pnYjJiUm1qYUhsUWZPcmF1MVE6MA#gid=0>.

A direct link to the parent survey can be found on the SAU 19 home webpage: <http://goffstown.k12.nh.us/SAU19/>.

- **Student Survey**

Prior to the holiday break, students in grades 4, 6, 8, and 10 will take an online survey intended to collect student's feedback on bullying. The survey is anonymous. If you have questions or concerns about your child's participation in the survey, or about the survey in general, please call the Guidance Office at your child's school.

Dr. Elizabeth Englander from the Massachusetts Aggression Reduction Center will compile and analyze parent and student survey results. Detailed reports of the results will be posted on the SAU #19 website. Additional information on the SAU #19 Anti-bullying Project and multiple resources for parents can be found at: <http://goffstown.k12.nh.us/SAU19/>.

On behalf of the SAU #19 educational community, thank you for your efforts and continued support as we all work together to help prevent bullying in our schools.

Sincerely,

Brian Balke
Assistant Superintendent of Schools

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