



IDEAS FOR PROMOTING REPORTING WITH STUDENTS

At the middle school and high school levels all of the below ideas should be student-led.

- Share with students that there is now a law that requires all schools to have a reporting system in place and that PPS has an anti bullying and harassment policy.
- Discuss the confidential reporting form and where it can be found. If it is easy to access it is more likely to be used.
 - The school's website? The counselor's office? The library? The main office? An administrator's office?
 - Include how to turn the form in. Will they be able to download a form at home and turn it in at school?
- Use your school announcement (PA etc) system to remind students of the protocol for reporting. This could also be tweeted and/or posted on Facebook. This should be repeated throughout the year.
- Discuss the damage done by false reports
- Discuss what you have done as a school in the past and how this will be different.
 - For example there is one person on staff who is dedicated to the collection of these reporting forms and they or another staff member will respond within 24 hours
- Have bystander and witness training for all students.
- Have teachers/counselors lead Class Meetings about reporting. This may apply more to elementary or middle school age students. Talking points could include:
 - *Why is reporting an incident so important?'
 - *Why are kids worried about reporting?''
 - *Why don't bystanders and witnesses report more often?''

Bring closure to the conversation

- Peer mediators can be used as bullying reporting advocates while adults take the lead in resolving the bullying issue. When there is an imbalance of power between students , adults should be involved. Traditional peer mediation is not recommended.
- Share positive results/examples of successful reports. Remember anonymity is key. For example: "We had many reports of bullying on the playground. In response to that we have added more adult supervision during recess, student game leaders have re-taught the rules to some of the games, peer mediators are helping guide problem solving and reports of bullying have gone down".
- Have students make posters about anti-bullying and the importance of reporting and display them throughout the school.