



Bullying Awareness and Prevention Month October 2017

Norwalk Public Schools is pleased to join others across the country to recognize Bullying Awareness and Prevention month.

Throughout the month of October and beyond, Norwalk Schools throughout the district will hold activities and events designed to educate students about bullying.

Parents, educators and administrators are committed to working together to raise awareness, and to promote a positive culture that eliminates bullying. Many Norwalk schools implement a positive behavior strategy called “Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports,” or PBIS. PBIS includes preventative and responsive approaches that may be utilized with all students in a classroom, small groups, or a few individual students.

We know that bullying can lead to school avoidance, decreased self-esteem, depression, and even self-harm. Social and peer pressures remain some of the hardest obstacles for students to overcome.

Beginning in October, Norwalk students will have the ability to report bullying and safety issues quickly using Anonymous Alerts, an anti-bullying app. Students or parents in the school community will be able to anonymously submit issues to school administrators and counselors including reports of suspicious activity, safety threats, bullying, drug abuse, depression, harassment, family issues and self-harm issues. The Anonymous Alerts mobile app is available free of charge. More information will be sent to parents and students over the coming weeks.

By declaring October Bullying Awareness and Prevention Month, the Board of Education encourages all Norwalk students, parents and members of the community to spread messages of kindness, acceptance and inclusion.

All of us at Norwalk Public Schools stand together against bullying.