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Dear Parent/Guardian,

The Morris Hills Regional Board of Education prohibits acts of harassment, intimidation, or bullying of any student. A safe and civil environment in school is necessary for students to learn and achieve high academic standards. Harassment, intimidation, or bullying, like other disruptive or violent behaviors, is conduct that disrupts both a student's ability to learn and function and a school's ability to educate its students in a safe and disciplined environment. The Morris Hills Regional District prides itself on providing a safe learning environment for all of its students. As the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights states, "By strengthening standards for preventing, reporting, investigating, and responding to incidents of bullying, this act will help to reduce the risk of suicide among students and avert not only the needless loss of a young life, but also the tragedy that such loss represents to the student's family and the community at large." Thus, the Morris Hills Regional District takes a proactive approach to educating its students with regard to harassment, intimidation, and bullying.

Toward that end, the district has partnered with Utterly Global, a company recognized as a leader in bullying prevention and intervention, and will be presenting a program entitled *Stand Up – Speak Out – End Bullying* to all Freshman Physical Education and Health classes on October 19, 2021 and October 20, 2021 during the National Week of Respect. This program is designed to educate students by raising their awareness and increasing their knowledge base with regard to harassment, intimidation, and bullying. Students will become empowered and better prepared to meet the challenges of bullying in a proactive manner and make socially responsible decisions. The program focuses on the attributes of human decency and kindness as a foundation for building a bully free society. Additionally, the program will provide insights, knowledge, and skills students will carry with them throughout life.

Please feel free to contact Mrs. Jane Jones, District Consulting Teacher of Health and Physical Education at 973-664-2237, or Ms. Danielle Van Der Veken, Student Assistance Counselor at 973-664-2213, for further information.

Respectfully,

Ryan MacNaughton