
Raymond School District

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Dear Parents,

The Raymond School District, in collaboration with the Raymond Coalition for Youth (RCFY), will be implementing the Olweus Bullying Prevention Program in all our schools. We are thankful to the RCFY for the funding of the materials and training for the Olweus Program.

Olweus is a researched program showing strong evidence that it works well in many schools all over the world. The district is involved with the program to reduce and prevent bullying throughout each school setting. The goals of the program are:

- To reduce bullying problems among students;
- To prevent the development of new bullying problems;
- To achieve better peer relations at school.

All students participate in most aspects of the program. Students identified as bullying others or as targets of bullying do receive additional individual support.

Students will begin working with this program this June. We will ask students grade 3 through 8 to take a survey asking questions about their thoughts and experiences with bullying. If you do not wish for your student to take this short, multiple-choice questionnaire, please let your Principal know at either Lamprey River Elementary School or Iber Holmes Gove Middle School.

All school staff will also be trained in this program. A coordinating committee in each school will be trained in September and all staff will be trained by November. We will also set up trainings for parents through January. If any parent is interested in serving on a school's Bullying Prevention Coordinating Committee, please let your Principal know.

As we move forward with RCFY in our combined bullying prevention activities, please continue to be our partner. Help us continue to spread anti-bullying messages and actions throughout the Raymond community.

See <http://www.stopbullyingnow.hrsa.gov/kids/> for excellent resources to use.

Sincerely,

Dr. Jean R. Richards,
Superintendent of Schools