May 16, 2014

Dear Parents and Community Members,

With recent discussions centered on bullying, Kenosha Unified School District (KUSD) would like to take this opportunity to share with you what we have been doing to help end this destructive behavior in our community.

First and foremost, we would like our parents and community members to know that student safety is one of our top priorities. We strive to provide a safe learning environment for all students. Every child in our community has the right to receive an education in a safe environment and it is our goal to provide that for each of our nearly 23,000 students.

KUSD cares about our students. To help put an end to bullying, harassment and hate in Kenosha, KUSD created an ad hoc committee focused solely on these issues. This committee consists of parents, students, community members, teachers, administrators, school board members and community organization staff members who are dedicated to creating and implementing policy and procedures that not only address these issues, but also prevent it from happening in an effort to build a more compassionate community. This committee has been hard at work for nearly 10 months and will be bringing their first round of recommendations to the KUSD Board of Education in June 2014. In the meantime, you can review our current policy by visiting http://www.kusd.edu/sites/default/files/document-library/english/5111.pdf.

We would like to reinforce our commitment to our students and reassure you that your child is safe in our schools. Should you have questions or concerns, please utilize the various resources available to you, including classroom teachers, counselors, building principals and support staff at the Educational Support Center (359-6300). Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Kenosha Unified School District