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Dear WSD Parents and Guardians:

Bullying of any kind is wrong – no matter if it's physical, verbal, online or off, before, during, or after school – and it is never acceptable. To help in our prevention efforts, the Wentzville School District is implementing the SchoolReach CyberBully Hotline. The purpose of this program is to create an anonymous, two-way means for students, parents, guardians and others to report incidents of bullying, harassment, or intimidation, and to provide information about potentially harmful or violent acts by others.



Our CyberBully Hotline number is **(636) 234-9135** and text messages or voice calls can be received. For a voice call, simply dial the number and leave your message after the short greeting. To text, enter the number followed by the text message. The service is operational 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

A designated school official receives the message directly. No one else reads or sees the messages, and all calls are anonymous. No names or other information are associated with the received messages. The CyberBully Hotline gives us the ability to reply to text messages and have two-way anonymous conversations, so hopefully students are more likely to provide information and get whatever help or assistance is necessary.

We do not have the ability to reply to all voice messages, just those left from a mobile device, so if you want a reply, please be sure to call from a cellular phone. The more information we are given, the more help we can provide immediately. Users are encouraged to provide as much information as possible or as much as they feel comfortable providing.

If a CyberBully Hotline user is providing a tip on violence or harmful acts that are being planned by others, we ask that they provide as much specific information as possible immediately so we can ensure the safety of all students and faculty. Anyone who would like to leave a call back number or their identity is encouraged to do so.

If you have any questions, or require further information, please contact your school office, visit the CyberBully Hotline section of the District website, or visit www.cyberbullyhotline.com to learn more.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Melody Marcantonio'.

Melody Marcantonio, Ed.D.
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