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Parent Info: What to Expect When Bullying is Reported

District Response to Bullying Reports

Creating a safe and supportive learning environment is one of our highest priorities. If your child is involved in or witnesses bullying, here is what you can expect when a report is made:

Response Time

We take every report seriously and act quickly. School leaders or their designees will begin looking into the report within one school day after it is received.
Parents of both the alleged bully and potential victims will be told that a report has been made.

Investigative Process

Information Gathering:

- We interview the student who reported the bullying, any witnesses, and those involved.
- We may review digital evidence like videos, texts, emails, or social media messages if needed.
- Both the alleged bully and the potential victim must have an opportunity to share information related to the bullying concern.

Evaluation:

- School staff use the district's definition of bullying to decide if the incident counts as bullying.
- We make sure the rights of all students involved are respected throughout the process.

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Parent Communication:

- Parents or guardians of all students involved will be contacted when the investigation is complete.

- We will share a summary of what we found and the next steps & supports as appropriate. Student discipline information is protected information and cannot be shared with a non-parent/guardian.

Safety Measures You Can Expect

Your child's safety and well-being matter a lot to us. If bullying is confirmed or there are safety concerns, the school will take steps to protect everyone involved. These steps may include:

- Creating a personalized safety plan for your child that explains how we will help them feel safe and supported at school.

- Keeping the involved students apart if needed to prevent further problems.

- Connecting your child with trusted adults at school, like counselors or teachers, who can offer extra support.

- Using appropriate consequences for any student who breaks the rules, based on the Student Code of Conduct. These actions help stop the behavior and keep our school a safe place.

Our goal is to respond quickly and carefully to all reports while supporting all students involved.