

Parent Virtual Workshops 2026-2027 School Year



Inspire, Engage, Innovate

**1. Tuesday, October 6, 2026
7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m**

Presenter: Susan Donnelly, Supervisor of Special Projects
Title: Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying (HIB)-Conflict vs Bullying

Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/95517468053?pwd=dZkCgUP9vBSd6iPZndWbPY1VYWW8ta.1>

Workshop Summary:

This annual workshop offers parents an in-depth overview of Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying (HIB) in schools. It covers essential aspects such as the relevant laws, recent mandates, the investigation process, and the definition of HIB. The focus is on distinguishing between conflict and bullying through practical examples. By participating, parents will be better equipped to support their children and collaborate effectively with schools to create a safe and inclusive learning environment. Understanding the laws, recent mandates, investigation processes, and the definition of HIB empowers parents to be active partners in addressing and preventing HIB incidents in schools.

Workshop Highlights

- Understanding HIB: Clear definitions and distinctions between harassment, intimidation, bullying, and general conflicts.
- Investigation Process: Step-by-step explanation of how HIB incidents are investigated and resolved within the school system.
- Practical Examples: Real-life scenarios to help parents identify and differentiate between conflict and bullying.

2. Wednesday, October 21, 2026

7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m

Presenter: Dr. Neely Hackett, Superintendent of Schools

Title: The Why and How: Understanding Our 2026-2027 District Goals

Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/96386208939?pwd=zoganvBr21VhWfsaJ5Mhr3bg34rZOi.1>

Workshop Summary:

This workshop provides parents and community members with an in-depth overview of the district's four strategic goals and the vision guiding our work. Participants will learn why each goal was established, how it supports student success, and the strategies being implemented across the district to achieve meaningful and measurable outcomes. The workshop highlights the collaborative role of educators, families, students, and the community in advancing the district's mission and ensuring every student has the opportunity to thrive. By understanding the purpose behind our goals and the actions being taken to accomplish them, participants will be better equipped to support district initiatives.

Workshop Highlights:

- The "Why" Behind Our Goals: Explore the data, research, stakeholder feedback, and district priorities that shaped each of the four strategic goals.
- The "How" in Action: Learn about the key initiatives, instructional practices, programs, and resources being implemented to achieve each goal.
- Measuring Success: Understand how the district monitors progress through performance data, benchmarks, and continuous improvement processes.

3. Tuesday, November 17, 2026

7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m

Presenter: Michelle Flood, Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA), Allison Adams, Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA), and Amanda Dariano, School Counselor

Title: Supporting My Child in Understanding and Addressing Their Emotions (grades 3-8)

Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/97121372934?pwd=lxZRyYrb65mtU0dOwozpbxuPWsTsL2.1>

Workshop Summary:

Helping children recognize, understand, and manage their emotions is an important part of their overall well-being and success in school. In this interactive workshop for parents and guardians of students in grades 3–8, we will explore practical strategies for supporting emotional awareness and healthy coping. Participants will learn how to help children name their emotions, navigate challenging feelings, and build resilience.

Workshop Highlights

- **Understanding Emotional Development:** Learn about common emotional and social milestones for children in grades 3–8.
- **Recognizing Emotional Triggers:** Identify situations that may cause strong feelings and how to respond constructively.
- **Building Emotional Vocabulary:** Strategies to help children express themselves clearly and respectfully.
- **Coping Skills and Problem-Solving:** Practical techniques for managing stress, disappointment, and conflict.
- **Fostering Open Communication:** Tips for creating a safe space for children to share their feelings.

4. Monday, December 7, 2026

7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m

Presenter: Shari Kauffman, Technology Coach

Title: Technology with Purpose: Partnering to Support Student Learning

Is technology helping your child learn... or just giving them more screen time?

Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/97566201758?pwd=xewbmXgh4jl2EuWjZHAcJOw3pBwdpC.1>

Workshop Summary:

Join us for an engaging parent workshop that takes you inside today's classroom to see how technology is being used with purpose, not just because it's available. You'll discover how teachers carefully choose digital tools that strengthen learning, encourage creativity, build problem-solving skills, and prepare students for success in school and beyond.

We'll also share practical tips you can use at home to help your child develop healthy technology habits, stay safe online, and become a responsible digital citizen. Whether you're wondering how much screen time is too much, how AI is changing education, or how to support your child's learning at home, this workshop will provide helpful answers and real-world strategies.

Workshop Highlights:

Why Technology Matters in Learning: See how teachers use technology to enhance, not replace, great teaching. Learn how digital tools support academic standards, personalize

learning, increase student engagement, encourage collaboration, and provide meaningful opportunities for creativity and critical thinking.

The “Why” Behind Classroom Technology: Did you ever wonder why one lesson uses a simple digital worksheet while another has students creating podcasts or videos? We’ll introduce the SAMR (Substitution, Augmentation, Modification, and Redefinition) Model, the framework our district uses to ensure technology is used intentionally and adds real value to learning—not just more screen time.

Tips for Supporting Your Child at Home: Leave with practical ideas for:

- Creating healthy technology routines
- Encouraging productive screen time
- Reinforcing safe and responsible online behavior
- Supporting digital citizenship
- Partnering with the school to help your child thrive in today’s digital world

Whether your child loves technology or you are trying to better understand the digital world they live in, this workshop will give you valuable insights, useful resources, and confidence in how technology is being used to support their education.

Save the Date: Parent Saturday Academy

When: Saturday, January 23, 2027

Time: 8:30 AM – 12:00 PM

Where: Voorhees Middle School

Parents and guardians, please join us for an interactive and enriching experience that will include:

- Engaging workshops
- Helpful resources
- Local vendors
- Free childcare for students in Preschool through 5th grade

Together, we’ll explore ways to support your child’s educational journey every step of the way. We look forward to learning with you!