



Overview: Anti-bullying Initiatives

November 25, 2013

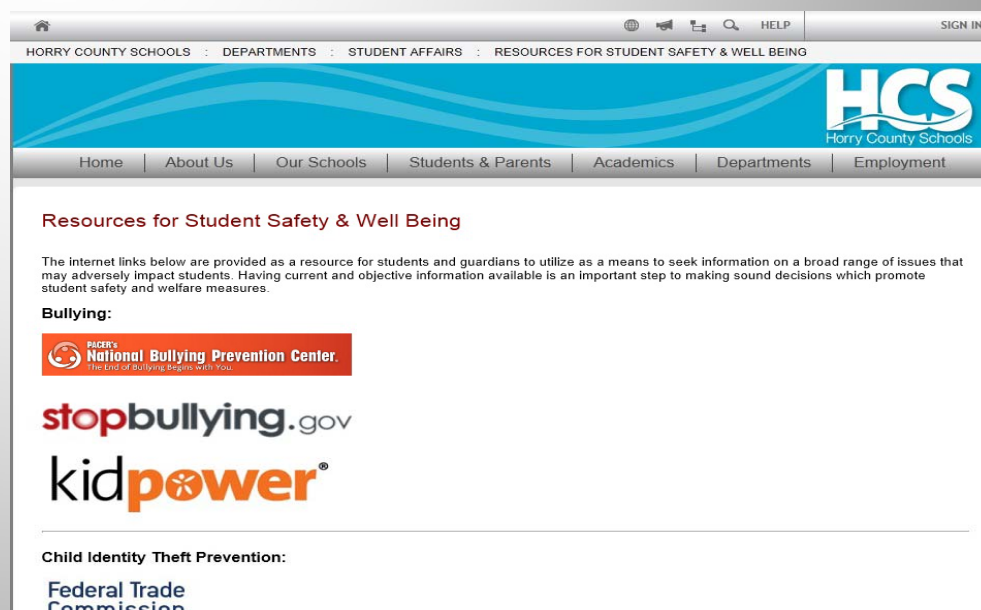
What is Bullying?

- SC law defines bullying as (§ 59-63-120):
 - (1) Harassment, intimidation, or bullying means a gesture, an electronic communication, or a written, verbal, physical, or sexual act that is reasonably perceived to have the effect of:
 - (a) harming a student physically or emotionally or damaging a student's property, or placing a student in reasonable fear of personal harm or property damage; or
 - (b) insulting or demeaning a student or group of students causing substantial disruption in, or substantial interference with, the orderly operation of the school.
- The language of this statute is reinforced in the *Horry County Schools Administrator's Handbook*
- Assorted state statutes and portions within the Handbook are explicit in defining prohibited behaviors and reporting requirements.

What is the District Office doing?

- Provided all schools with a uniform Bullying Intervention Plan template
 - Meets statutory benchmarks that all school district's are required to achieve.
 - Uniform in formatting which validates HCS posture against bullying and harassment in our academic environments.
 - Grants latitude to each school's administration as a means to facilitate the most effective plan being implemented.
- Recently streamlined reporting procedures and accountability measures.
- Provides staff development to recognize and respond to bullying incidents through the SafeSchools website.
- Provides linked resources for educators, parents, and students which are hosted by non-profit and government organizations. These links are located at the Student Affairs webpage.

http://www.horrycountyschools.net/pages/Horry_County_Schools/3352373296737269426/Student_Affairs/Resource_for_Student_Safety



Reporting Bullying

- All allegations regarding bullying are taken seriously and avenues have been put in place to facilitate reporting.
- Reporting can take place formally or anonymously.
- It can be reported in a written document, via the internet, or over the telephone.
- HCS has a reporting form for bullying and harassment as well as a disposition report that summarizes what took place to address the allegation(s).
- The HCS website provides links to the “School Crime Tip Line”
- Oversight and accountability are accomplished by providing:
 - A bullying contact for each school which is either an assistant principal or guidance counselor.
 - A process where requests can be made to review how the allegation was handled . These requests can be directed to:
 - The Office of Student Affairs
 - The appropriate Executive Director over high, middle, or elementary schools.

Do YOUR part to keep schools safe



Keeping schools safe is everyone's job. If you have information about a threat to school safety, do your part to protect others. If you don't talk to a school administrator, call the **School Crime Tip Line**. It is an anonymous tip line that you can access 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

Call in tips about:

- weapons, bomb threats, fights
- bullying or harassment
- physical or sexual abuse
- gang activity
- suicide
- vandalism, theft



What happens when you call?

Callers are asked to relay as much information as possible to include the name of the schools and persons involved, as well as what type of activities that are alleged and when the activities may occur or have occurred. While not required, callers are encouraged to leave their contact information in the event additional information is needed. Calls of an urgent nature should still be directed to 911.

What are the schools doing?

- Creativity and innovation is evident at all schools across the district.
- Appropriate behavior is motivated through a number of practices and activities.
- Anti-bullying models provide guidance and direction by utilizing common techniques to encourage a positive learning environment.

Staff Development

Communications



Group Activities

Student Instruction

Some examples of what's taking
place in our schools.



Social Media

(Carolina Forest High School)

 CFHS Stand Up Against Bullying 





CFHS Stand Up Against Bullying
23 likes

 Like  Message 

Community
CFHS is Standing Up to bullying. You're not alone!

About – Suggest an Edit

 Photos  Likes

Highlights ▾

 Post  Photo / Video

Write something...

 **CFHS Stand Up Against Bullying**
November 8

Tip: be kind to students who have been bullied. You may be the only person who smiles & says hello to them today. What you do matters!

Like · Comment · Share

 **CFHS Stand Up Against Bullying**
October 30

Stand Up Tip of the Day: Be more than a bystander. Don't give bullies an audience. Instead of laughing when you see someone

Invite Your Friends to Like This Page See All

Type a friend's name... 

 Invite

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 **CFHS Stand Up Against Bullying**
November 1

Stand Up Tip of the Day: If you see someone being bullied, help the target get away if it's safe to do so. For example, say something like, "Hey, let's get to class," or "Ms. Smith needs to

Clear Communication of Expectations



← Bulletin Board and Anonymous Complaint Box
(Palmetto Bays Elementary)

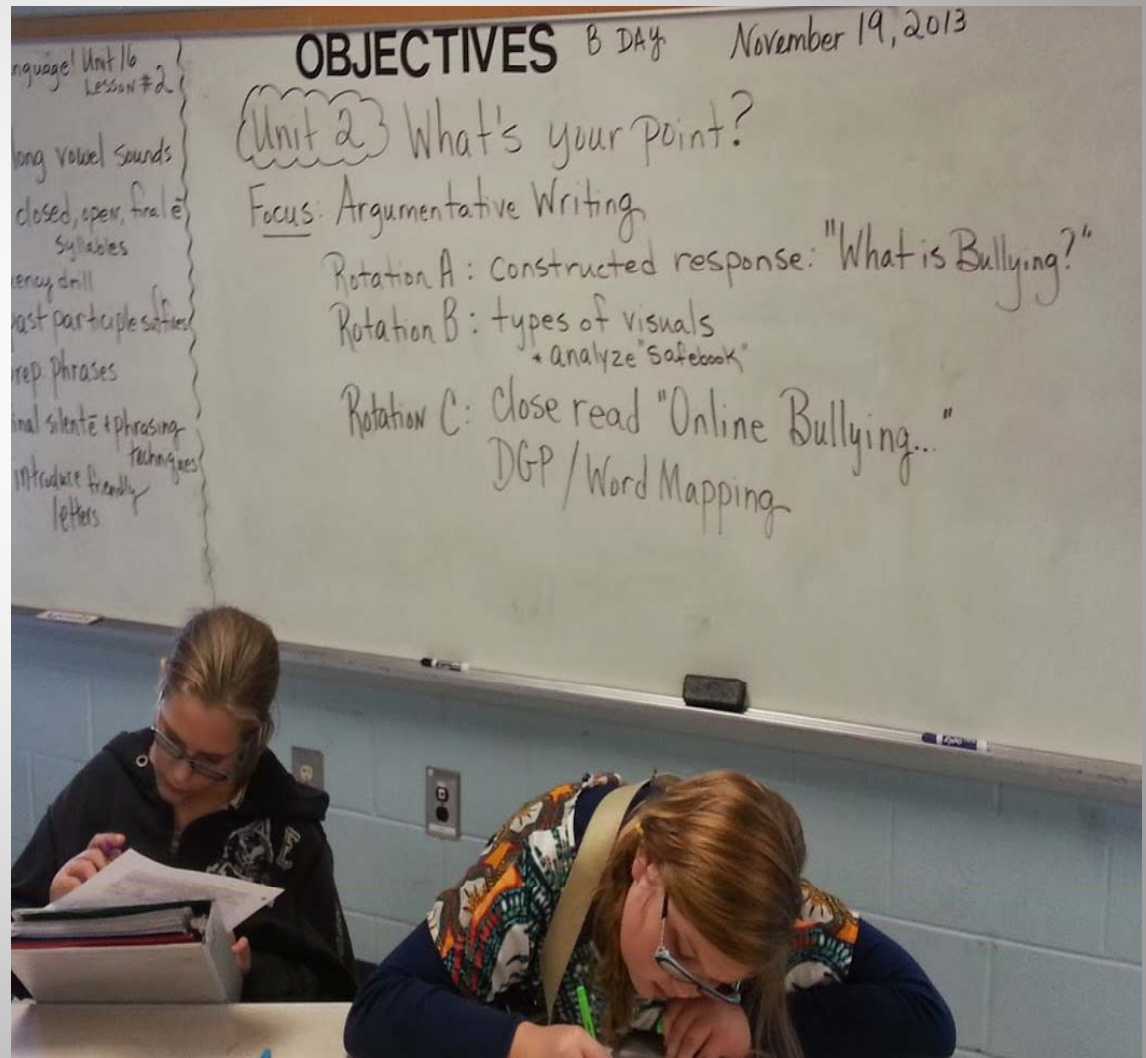
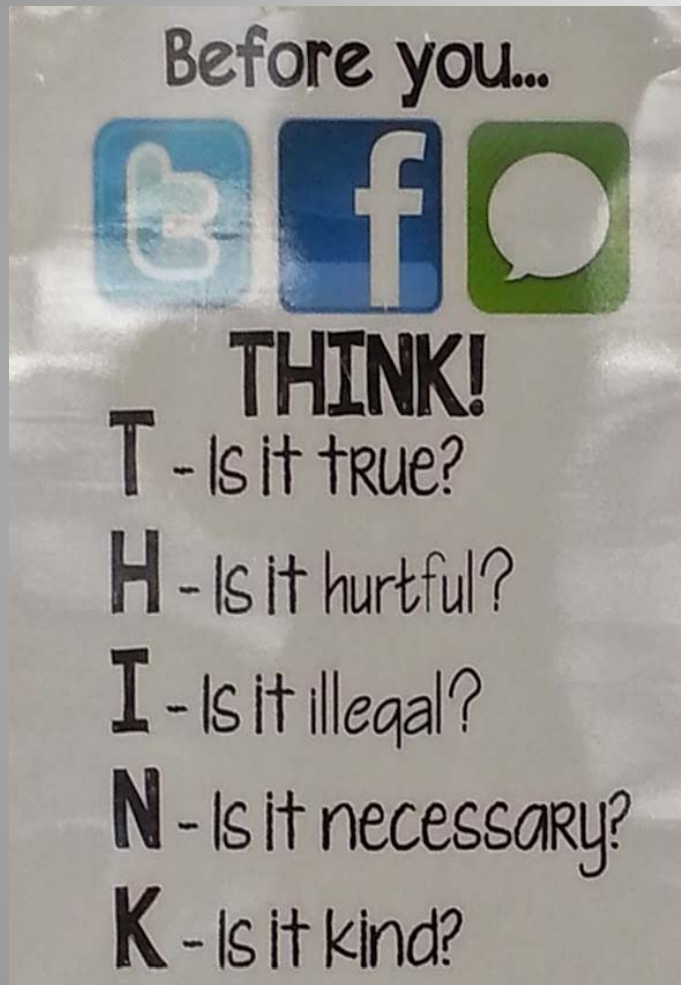


↑ Hallway Poster (Loris Elementary)

Front entrance
to Homewood
Elementary.



Social Media Responsibility/ Curriculum Integration



Promoting Diversity and Tolerance



Pro-social Behavior Training

Seaside Elementary Reflection Time



I was Fighting.

I was clowning around.

I took something that didn't belong to me.

I wasn't truthful.

I was disruptive. I was noisy.

I hurt Someone's Feelings.

I need to keep hands and feet to myself.

I was angry.

I didn't stay in my own personal space.



Refusal to obey / Disrespect

What happened?

Why did it happen?

How did you feel after it happened?



Scared



Sad



Sick



Mad

Now that you have had a chance to think, what should you have done?



Talk to a teacher

or an adult.

☐

other

☐

What will you do differently next time?



Talk to a teacher

or an adult.

☐

other

☐

What should happen, or what consequences should you receive, if you make this same wrong choice again?



Loss of/or

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Lunch

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Time

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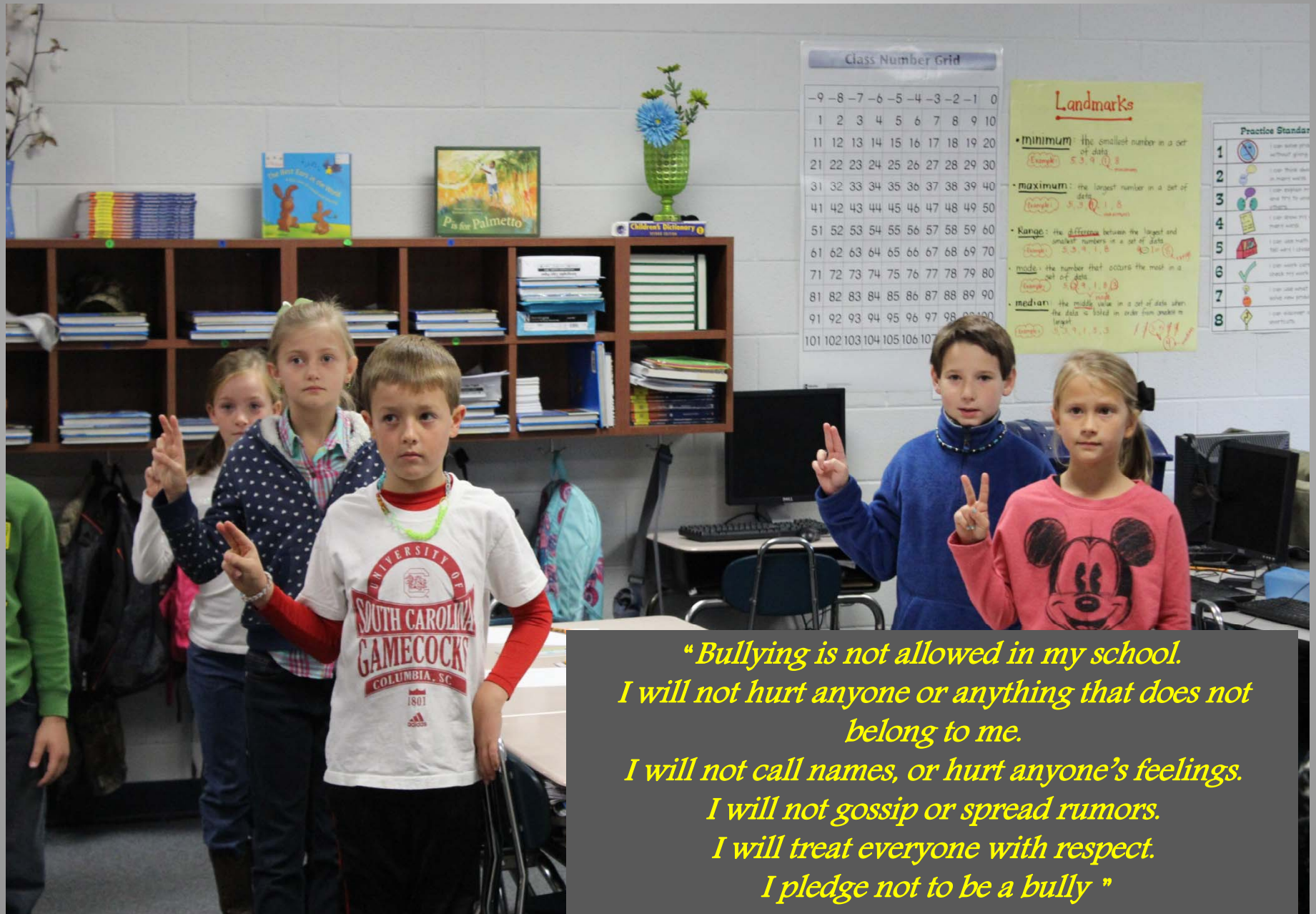
Signature of Student: _____

Signature of Parent: _____

Signature of Teacher: _____

Signature of Administrator: _____


Student Support – Daily Pledge (Aynor Elementary)



Campus Solidarity at Myrtle Beach Middle



Whittemore Park hits the Internet




Murrells Inlet

52°


Feels Like: 52°

1:00 pm



63°

4:00 pm




66°

HOME LOCAL WEATHER SPORTS WMBF INVESTIGATES CRIME LIFESTYLE


Local school turns to YouTube to support anti-bullying

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By Jenna DeAngelis - email




CONWAY, SC (WMBF) – October is Bullying Prevention Month and students at Whittemore Park Middle School turned to YouTube to promote that there are no “blurred lines” for tolerating bullies.

Danielle Watson, a Whittemore Park Middle School 6th grade science teacher, encouraged students and staff to join forces to create a video supporting the fight against bullies. The class wrote a song, “Whittemore Stands Up,” to the tune of the chart-topping song, “Blurred Lines,” by Robin Thicke. They created a video highlighting the song lyrics and posted it to YouTube as part of the schools anti-bullying campaign.



Source: YouTube.com

Whittemore Stands Up!

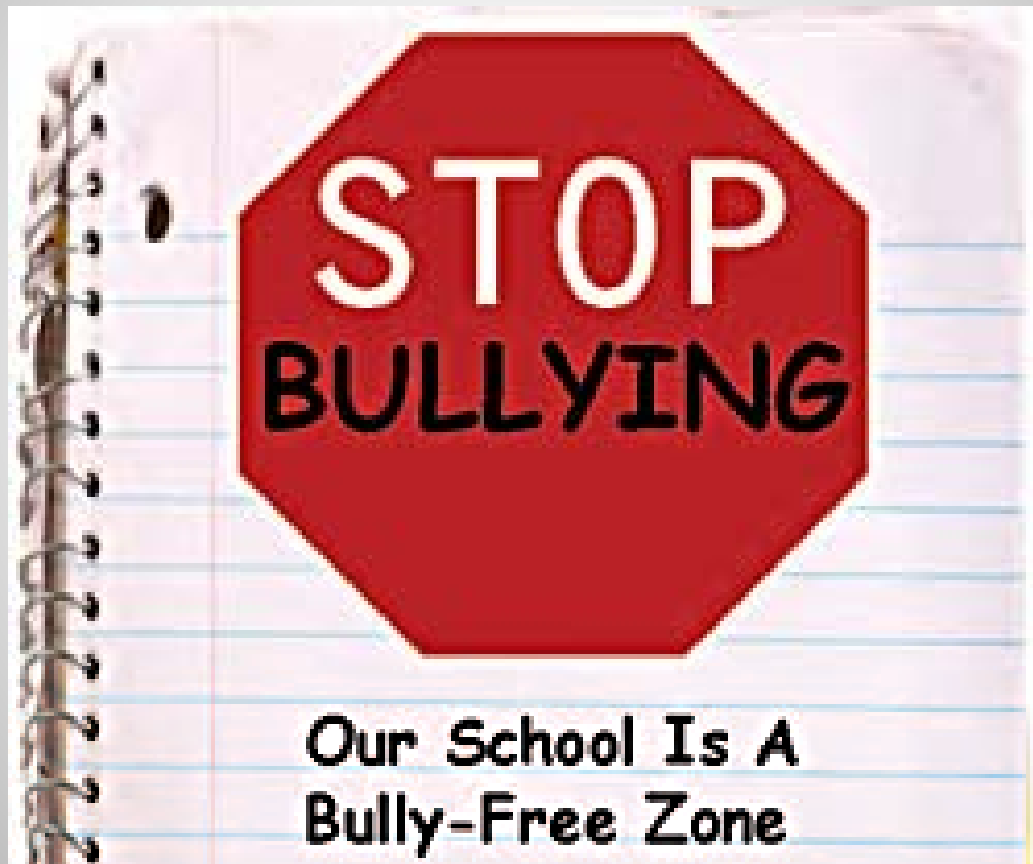


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Are the initiatives working?

- New protocols have been in place since November 1, 2012.
- Statistics derived from PowerSchool show a 41.3% reduction in bullying-related incidents when compared to the same period of time the previous year.
- Numerically, incidents have decreased from 230 to 135 .

Questions?



Whittemore Stands Up!

