**Campbellton Middle School Bullying Prevention Plan**

Campbellton Middle School is committed to establishing an atmosphere where everyone feels safe and **positively** **connected to school**. This includes Students, Teachers, Guidance Counselors, Bus Drivers, EA’s, Intervention Workers, Custodians, Librarians, Administrative Personnel and Guests to the building. We take bullying seriously and strive to educate those that have been in a bullying situation. **Bullying is different from conflict in that it is intentionally mean, cruel, hurtful behavior.** **It involves using power in a negative way to hurt others.**

Students, Parents/Guardians and School Staff all have a shared responsibility in the prevention of bullying**. It is expected that all staff, students and visitors of Cambellton Middle School follow our school’s Bullying Prevention Plan** during on- and off-site curricular and extra-curricular events.

In an effort to be environmentally-friendly, rather than print paper copies of the 9-page plan, we have summarized the “Parent Responsibility” section on this document and are asking that you to please consider accessing the entire Bullying Prevention Plan by:

1. Visiting our school’s website at <http://cms.nbed.nb.ca> OR
2. Requesting to have it sent to you by email

Should you not have easy access to a computer, you may ask to have the entire CMS Bullying Prevention Plan sent home to you in paper format.

**Here is a summary of Parent Responsibilities:**

* **Report any suspected bullying incidences to the school. If the school doesn’t know about it, then it is extremely difficult to do anything about it. Any and all reported bullying will be taken seriously and there will be a follow up to ensure the matter was dealt with.**
* support the school in their efforts to curb bullying

**Parents/Guardians can also do the following:**

* Know who your child’s friends are
* Monitor all TV, video, and personal electronic devices (IE: cell phones, iPods)
* Keep your child’s phone with you during the hours while they sleep.
* Be a positive role model
* Help your child, if bullied, to not retaliate violently in any way shape or form.
* Take your child’s concerns seriously. Show and give emotional support.
* Set boundaries for your child’s technology use.
* Create a safe environment for your children to tell you about being bullied.
* Do your best to communicate effectively with school staff and to approach the communication in a supportive, problem-solving manner.
* Talk to your child and his or her friends about the importance of using social skills such as empathy, assertiveness, self-regulation, communication, etc.

Remember that as a school we are bound by confidentiality. Therefore, if you make inquiries about a child other than your own, we cannot share that information.

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**I understand the CMS Bullying Prevention Plan and will do my best to ensure my child will assist in maintaining positive, supportive and predictable environments for all students at all times.**

**Student signature:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Parent Signature:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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