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Parents:

Bullying of students in schools has been a serious and troubling issue for as long as anyone can remember. Recent events nationwide and changes in New Hampshire law have schools across the state re-examining their policies and procedures regarding bullying and cyberbullying. Here at TRHS, we have taken many steps to deal with these twin issues. We speak to each class at the beginning of the year, freshman advisories and many classes speak openly and effectively about it, and we deal with incidents of bullying quickly and decisively. One key aspect we talk to the kids about often is communication—alerting us to issues before things spin out of control. We encourage you to join us in our efforts by discussing bullying with your teen.

The law presents schools with a series of steps that must be taken to prevent and respond to both bullying and cyberbullying. As a result, the district has formed a bullying prevention committee. The committee will be looking at all aspects of curriculum and programming across all grade levels to be sure we do all we can to prevent bullying. We would like your input as well. For that, we have created a form using an online tool called “Survey Monkey”. Please click on [www.timberlanehs.com/bullying](http://www.timberlanehs.com/bullying) and give us your thoughts. We will begin to collect and process comments on Wednesday, Nov. 10. If you prefer, you may send feedback to us in written form, or via email. Please send these to Mr. Tim Lena, our Student Assistance Program counselor. Mr. Lena’s email is [timothy.lena@timberlane.net](mailto:timothy.lena@timberlane.net).

At the same online location, we have posted several documents to help you learn more about the state’s requirements and Timberlane’s plan of action. At [www.timberlanehs.com/bullying](http://www.timberlanehs.com/bullying) you will find the state’s new bullying law, the Timberlane district’s “Pupil Safety and Violence Prevention” policy, this letter, and the link to the survey mentioned above. Thank you for your interest and help.

Sincerely,

Don Woodworth, Principal  
On behalf of the entire TRHS faculty and staff