



Board of Education

TO: Board of Education
FROM: Kristine Goebbert, Director of Student Services
DATE: September 28, 2025
RE: Bullying Prevention Month Activities

This memo is:

- ☒ Information only.
☐ Information with a recommendation, and a request for Board approval by vote.

Date by which a Board decision is needed: N/A

Previous memos on this topic can be found:

- ☐ in previous Board packet(s) dated. _____
☐ or attached to this memo

Basic information:
October is National Bullying Prevention Month. District 33 will participate with all buildings having activities throughout the month.
Background or historical information:
October is National Bullying Prevention Month. We believe every child deserves to be safe and feel welcome at school. We believe that no child should be bullied or feel they have nowhere to turn if they are experiencing bullying. To help ensure all students feel safe at school and know what to do if they are being bullied, we need to bring attention to bullying and promote kindness, acceptance, and inclusion. Bullying is preventable, but it takes everyone's commitment to recognize and respond to it, and consistent education and intervention to prevent it. The Assistant Principals have partnered with the Director of Student Services to develop activities that can be used in all buildings during the month of October. These activities will help schools celebrate Bullying Prevention Month and cultivate a culture of kindness in your school. While one lesson or activity will not end bullying, these activities are part of a broader plan to help reduce bullying in our schools.
Highlights of Events and Activities:
District Wide- Oct 1, 2025—Wear it Wednesday, Wear Orange as a visual representation of Bullying Awareness and Prevention. Currier- weekly announcements and a lesson a week. Oct 31st: Special Currier Cash Drawing

Gary-Weekly announcements and optional activities for staff. Building Admin will be doing announcements weekly about our core value, “respect for others,” as well as statistics or facts about bullying prevention.

IK-Admin will be doing announcements weekly about statistics or facts about bullying prevention. Classroom teachers have a menu of activities to choose from with their class.

Turner-We will have an anti-bullying pledge on the wall by the main office for students to sign. Month of optional activities.

Wegner- Weekly announcements that focus on the core value “respect for others” and statistics/facts about bullying prevention. Classrooms have a menu of activities to choose from to do with their class.

LMS-

- Advisory lessons, including a Words Matter lesson to directly target hateful language
- Wear It Wednesday theme - go orange for anti-bullying
- Parent communication in the weekly newsletter
- Marquee message
- Staff training on bullying
 - Define bullying vs mean vs Rude

Preschool-Lessons on being Kind (we don’t introduce the word bullying until kindergarten)

Previous decisions, actions or parameters that relate to this topic or issue:
None
Recommendations:
Other questions? What else does the Board wish to know?: