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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Bernards Township School's Bullying Prevention Committee has expanded its initiative to reduce bullying in our schools by adopting the internationally known Olweus Bullying Prevention Program begun by Dr. Dan Olweus in Scandinavia over thirty years ago. The program was brought to the United States through Clemson University and Clemson continues to coordinate the program today training teachers, administrators, school resource officers, counselors, nurses, and others to work with their faculties and students to reduce bullying in our nation's schools. The Olweus Bullying Prevention Program is a researched-based program and as so, an integral part of measuring its effectiveness includes conducting annual surveys of students.

With this in mind, the District Bullying Prevention Committee is conducting a random sampling of students in grades three through twelve. Your child may be selected to complete a survey. Each school will schedule its selected students to complete the survey between now and the next few weeks. The surveys are completely anonymous and are conducted online during the school day. Surveys will take about thirty to forty-five minutes to complete depending on the age level. The survey results will enable the building and district committees to make decisions to enhance our efforts. Students will be instructed to answer questions they understand and may skip any question they wish.

If you have any questions or concerns, or if you would prefer that your son or daughter not take part in this survey, please contact Mrs. Pavlik at jpavlik@bernardsboe.com. Thank you for your consideration regarding our efforts to reduce bullying in our schools.

Sincerely,

Scott V. Thompson

Scott Thompson
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