



Roslyn Public Schools

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Dear Parents/Guardians of Our Middle School Students:

Over the past few years, the Middle School has made a concerted effort to address bullying and relational aggression so that we can continue to provide our students with a safe learning environment. Examples of our initiatives include: team building activities, grade level assemblies, "respect" projects, special programs and lunch groups for students led by our counselors, psychologist and social worker, as well as an internet safety curriculum and programs on cyber bullying.

We are encouraged by the response from our entire school community--parents, faculty and students alike, as we continue this partnership to address the social and emotional needs of our Roslyn Middle School students. Our *Social & Emotional Learning (SEL)* initiative continues to move forward. We have developed a mission statement for our school and are incorporating SEL concepts in our curriculum, in multiple subject areas through this year's school-wide reading project – *The Misfits*.

It is in this spirit that we are asking you to support our initiatives and not allow your children to wear party favor apparel to school following weekend events. In doing so you will join us in making a collective statement that no one in our community will knowingly do something to hurt a fellow community member. We encourage all of our students and staff to wear the **Roslyn Blue and White** to show school spirit and unity every Monday.

We are hopeful that we can count on your support regarding this important issue and look forward to working in partnership with you as we take on similar important issues in the future.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Craig S. Johanson

Principal

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