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LKDSB Participates in Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week Nov. 16-20

The Lambton Kent District School Board (LKDSB) is participating in Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week from November 16-20, 2020 to help promote safe, welcoming and inclusive learning and work environments.

During this week, students, staff and parents/guardians are encouraged to learn more about bullying and its effect on student learning and well-being, as well as awareness and prevention strategies. LKDSB is also raising awareness about cyberbullying as part of LKDSB's participation in [K-12 Cyber Awareness Month](#) to help students stay safe online. This provincial initiative provides information and resources to support students, parents/guardians and school board staff.

Bullying is typically a form of repeated, persistent, and aggressive behaviour that occurs in a context of real or perceived power imbalance between individuals. Bullying can be represented in various forms – physical, verbal, social and electronic. This behavior has a negative impact on a student's well-being and ability to learn and compromises the overall school climate.

To report bullying, students are encouraged to share information with a caring adult at home or at school. Parents/guardians and students are also able to share concerns using the Student Wellness and Bullying Intervention Hotline at each school.

“During Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week and throughout the school year, we reinforce with students the important lessons about how to recognize and report different forms of bullying,” said Director John Howitt. “We understand that students' mental health and well-being have a direct impact on their academic achievement. Through education and awareness, we are able to promote safe and positive learning and work environments.”

Additional information about Bully Awareness and Prevention Week is available at <http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/safeschools/prevention.html>.

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