Community Resources

Monroe County MH/DS

570-420-1900

Emergency 911

Pocono Mt. Regional Police Department 570-895-2400

Women's Resources of Monroe County 570-421-4200

Other Resources

Center for Safe Schools www.safeschools.info

US Department of Health and Human Services www.stopbullying.gov Evergreen Community Charter School is committed to providing quality education in a safe and secure environment. To reach this goal, a basic code of responsibility, and conduct must be assumed by all students. Students have the right to feel safe and comfortable at school . To that end, our aim is to create a school environment free from bullying and harassment.

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BULLYING PREVENTION

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What is Bullying?

Bullying is a form of aggressive, harassing and manipulative behavior. It occurs across all geographic, racial and socioeconomic boundaries. It can take many forms: verbal, physical, gestures or expressions, and electronic. No child deserves to be bullied and no child should bully another. The best protection parents can offer their child is to foster confidence and selfesteem. Talking openly about respect for self and others will increase tolerance for differences.

What should parents do?

When parents suspect that repeated acts of bullying are taking place, it should be reported to school staff.

If the investigation finds that bullying behavior has occurred, it will result in prompt and appropriate disciplinary action. This may include loss of privileges, detention, suspension, and possible expulsion for students. (School Board Policy No. 249)

Cyberbullying that takes place out of school should be reported to the local police department.

What should students do?

Victims can report bullying at school to teachers, the Director, or other staff.

- Talk with your parents
- Ignore the bully or don't react
- Walk away
- Be assertive, but do not get into a physical or verbal altercation
- Hold your head up, show confidence in yourself
- Use humor
- Stick with a friend on the bus, when changing classes and at lunch time
- Avoid the bully when necessary

Witnesses to bullying—report to school staff and encourage the victim to do the same.

- Support the victim
- Tell the bully to stop
- Do not laugh or side with the bully
- Don't confront the bully if you think someone may get hurt

Bullying Prevention Team

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Confidentiality

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