Students Learn How to Stop Bullying

An increase in bullying—in both schools and cyberspace—has become a growing concern across the nation. APS has made a commitment to stop bullying before it starts.

As part of a new Bully Prevention Campaign, APS is teaching strategies for preventing bullying, including the “Stop, Walk, Talk” method for responding to bullies. All students are learning a district-wide, “stop” hand signal to use if they feel they are being harassed or bullied. When students are confronted with a bullying situation, they first use the “stop” hand signal, then they “walk” away from the incident and “talk” to an adult about what has happened.

The bully prevention team is training teachers and staff on how to teach students these strategies and respond immediately if a student informs them of a bullying incident. Superintendent John Barry has also created a podcast to educate students about what they can do to stop bullying in their school.

Parents will learn more about the Bully Prevention Campaign over the next few months so they can help their children learn bully prevention strategies and assist the community to eliminate bullying.

The campaign is coordinated by the APS Positive Behavioral Interventions and Support team. PBiS develops strategies and systems to assist schools to increase academic performance, enhance safety, decrease problem behavior and establish positive school cultures.

To learn more about bully prevention in APS, visit equity.aurorak12.org/pbis/bully-prevention/

To view the bully prevention podcast, go to equity.aurorak12.org/pbis/bully-prevention/podcasts/