



CYBERBULLYING LAW EXPANDS SCHOOLS' AUTHORITY

Why is bullying such a hot topic? Is this not the same teasing we all experienced growing up? The answer is not simple when dealing with perceived societal norms. One of the most significant differences with bullying today is that the attacks are much more elaborate and relentless with the use of social media and the Internet. This cyberbullying may be rooted in interpersonal issues but can be escalated to a snowballing attack that exists 24/7. Illinois legislators, recognizing both the severity and increased frequency of this type of personal attack, have expanded the definition of bullying to include cyberbullying and created an increased ability for schools to investigate cases of cyberbullying. As with many laws, the intent to protect the safety of our children is valid, but there are legal ramifications that must be addressed before schools exercise any new authority. One thing educators and administrators can do is become better educated on the topic and enlighten their students about these issues. There are numerous resources available, but I suggest you begin at the Illinois Attorney General's cyberbullying resource site at www.ebully411.com.

NEW RIGHT TRACK PROGRAM OFF TO A PROMISING START

Right Track Truancy has changed for the better this year with the addition of the student-centered Check and Connect Mentoring Program. Check and Connect, a research-based program from the University of Minnesota, focuses on mentors' building positive relationships with at-risk students; reviewing academic, personal, behavioral and attendance risk factors and establishing short-term and long-term goals around their mentees' areas of need. Twenty teachers and approximately 70 students from Chester, Sparta, Red Brick and CCSI are participating in the pilot program. Mentors were trained in November, meet periodically throughout the year, have the Human Service Center, Human Support Services and Perandoe as advocates and are dedicated to helping their mentees attain personal success. Other schools in the bi-county area are still participating in the Right Track Truancy Prevention Program, which has also been revamped this year. If you have questions about the pilot program or are interested in becoming involved for the start of the 2015-2016 school year, please contact Chelsea Wesselmann at cwesselmann@roe45.org or 618-939-5650.

ILLINOIS ANNOUNCES STATE SCHOLARS

Congratulations to Monroe and Randolph counties' 2015-2016 State Scholars! These students have been recognized for performing in the top half of their high school class at the end of fifth semester and/or for scoring in the 95th percentile on the ACT, SAT or Prairie State Achievement Exam. The ROE applauds the accomplishments of these exemplary students.

<p><u>Chester High</u> Kueker, Madison Moeller, Danny Westerman, Mallory Wingerter, Issiac</p> <p><u>Columbia High</u> Allen, Sarah Bastien, Kaylee Berviller, Monica Brennan, Ryan Crook, Kayin Dubis, Hunter Embry, Gregory Ford, Allison Gutknecht, Andrew Harres, Samuel Hartnagel, Justin Hawickhorst, Caroline Heet, Jamie Joergens, Sara Kremer, Andrew</p>	<p>Locke, Andrew Mueller, Gregory Mulnik, Karl Murray, Chelsea Myers, Ashley Myers, Cory Pruitt, Dewey Ryterski, Claire Stevens, Madison Touchette, Caitlyn Tuttle, Hollie Voomert, Brett</p> <p><u>Coulterville High</u> Kempfer, George</p> <p><u>Gibault High</u> Bircher, Jacob Branz, Megan Burns, Emma Busk, Abigail Garner, Riley Kuester, Sarah</p>	<p>Milton, Skyler Mueth, Claire O'Neill, Hannah Redohl, Mckenzi Vonderheide, Devin Warden, Rachel Young, Mark</p> <p><u>Red Bud High</u> Burdell, Jakota Derousse, Nathaniel Dobbs, Zachary Heinen, Marcus Hentis, Trey Roy, Devin Salger, Todd Scherle, Christopher Warren, Tara Young, Cody Zimmer, Dillon</p>	<p><u>Sparta High</u> Craig, Bailey Strunk, Kaitlyn Valleroy, Bradley Watt, Braden</p> <p><u>Valmeyer High</u> Nappier, Grace Phillips, Marissa Redohl, Morgan Roever, Samuel Seidler, Griffin</p> <p><u>Waterloo High</u> Albrecht, Kylie Bedwell, Addison Bicklein, Daniel Chitty, Tyler Degener, Brett Doerr, Quinton Finnerty, Hannah Grant, Jonathan Gregson, Kristen</p>	<p>Hasler, Samantha Heintz, Elaina Helm, Alec Howland, Kathleen Huels, Emma Iorio, Nicolas Johnson, Samantha Kemling, Jordan Kirkpatrick, Sean Leifeld, Mitchell Leifeld, Spencer Maag, John McGhee, Charles Meehan, Chloe Nugent, Darby Probst, Jennifer Rodenberg, Cole Schrader, Maxwell Wagner, Andrew Washausen, Paige Wright, Lauren</p>
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UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

PARCC Overview and Accessibility Features, January 22, 2015, Foundational Services

- “This workshop provided more than I thought possible!”
- “This workshop answered a lot of questions that I had with the testing.”
- “This was the most precise and clear presentation I’ve seen on the PARCC testing. Thank you so much!”

Presenters Rosie Gardner and Deb Greaney received kudos like this from past participants: “Very knowledgeable about how to prepare for the PARCC tests and how to help our students prepare.” Time will be spent reviewing sample test items in both areas on the actual technology platform, and an overview of testing accommodations for all students will provide insight for test administration. If you need help in understanding the PARCC assessments, this is the workshop for you, Thursday, January 22 at SWIC Red Bud, Room 123 from 8:30–3:30.

Close Reading and Text Complexity, January 27, 2015

- “Please offer again and stress the importance for all subject areas.”
- “PLEASE offer again and emphasize the importance of this for all content areas.”
- “I feel I received information/resources I can apply to my classroom.”

Have you heard the saying, “Great minds think alike”? Former participants agree that this workshop—that fortunately Rosie Gardner and Deb Greaney *are* offering again—is a must for all educators. Take advantage of a repeat performance on Tuesday, January 27 from 8:30–3:30 in Room 123, SWIC Red Bud.

How Do I Know What They Know? February 4, 2015

- “The best feature of this activity was the ‘Formative Assessment Tool Kit.’”
- “Great ideas!”

Small-group discussion was another perk of this popular workshop, and the “Formative Assessment Tool Kit” on a ring is a handy resource for educators. Many participants complimented presenters Rosie Gardner and Deb Greaney on all the helpful handouts, so plan to attend this workshop on Wednesday, February 4 at SWIC Red Bud for 6 PD hours.

Balanced Assessment, February 24, 2015, Foundational Services

This brand new workshop will help you recognize the purposes of assessment and how assessments, including assessments for student growth, fit together in a balanced educational system. Be one of the first to get this helpful information from Rosie Gardner and Deb Greaney on Tuesday, February 24 from 8:30–3:30 at SWIC Red Bud, Room 123.

* **Register for all ROE workshops at www.educationregistration.org/roe45 by one week prior to the event. Cost for ROE workshops is \$65 with lunch on your own. There is no charge for *Foundational Services* workshops. ***

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Jan. 13, 2015	CCSI/OKAW Board of Control	SWIC Room 123, Red Bud	9:00 am – 11:00 am
Jan. 16, 2015	Superintendents’ Council Meeting	SWIC Conf. Room, Red Bud	9:00 am – 1:00 pm
Jan. 22, 2015	PARCC Overview & Accessibility Features	SWIC Room 152, Red Bud	8:30 am – 3:30 pm
Jan. 22, 2015	Principals’ Meeting	SWIC Room 123, Red Bud	8:30 am – 11:30 am
Jan. 27, 2015	CC Shift 1: Close Reading & Text Comp.	SWIC Room 123, Red Bud	8:30 am – 3:30 pm
Feb. 4, 2015	Formative Assessment in the Classroom	SWIC Room 123, Red Bud	8:30 am – 3:30 pm
Feb. 6, 2015	School Counselors’ Meeting	SWIC Room 152, Red Bud	12:00 pm – 3:00 pm
Feb. 10, 2015	CCSI/OKAW Board of Control	SWIC Room 123, Red Bud	9:00 am – 11:00 am
Feb. 24, 2015	Balanced Assessment	SWIC Room 123, Red Bud	8:30 am – 3:30 pm
Feb. 25, 2015	RtI Networking Meeting	SWIC Room 123, Red Bud	9:00 am – 12:00 pm
Feb. 26, 2015	Principals’ Meeting	SWIC Room 123, Red Bud	8:30 am – 11:30 am
March 10, 2015	CCSI/OKAW Board of Control	SWIC Room 123, Red Bud	9:00 am – 11:00 am
March 20, 2015	Superintendents’ Council Meeting	Perandoe, Red Bud	9:00 am – 1:00 pm
March 26, 2015	Principals’ Meeting	SWIC Room 123, Red Bud	8:30 am – 11:30 am
April 14, 2015	CCSI/OKAW Board of Control	SWIC Room 123, Red Bud	9:00 am – 11:00 am
April 23, 2015	Principals’ Meeting	SWIC Room 123, Red Bud	8:30 am – 11:30 am
April 29, 2015	RtI Networking Meeting	SWIC Room 123, Red Bud	9:00 am – 12:00 pm
May 12, 2015	CCSI/OKAW Board of Control	SWIC Room 123, Red Bud	9:00 am – 11:00 am

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