## **Eustis School Department Stratton School**

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## Dear Parents/Guardians:

We wanted to inform you that there have been some concerns with 7th and 8th graders around relational aggression, also known as social bullying. This came on our radar about two weeks ago. Meetings happened with the majority of students around their perception of what was happening and how they could manage it. Most students referred to the issue as "drama" and clearly stated they were tired of it and wanted to stay out of it. As normal programming, bullying prevention programs are happening in 7th and 8th grade along with lessons from SAPARS on Healthy Relationships.

Students have been advised if there are inappropriate postings on social media to screenshot for documentation purposes and to please share it with us. It appears that most of this is happening through texts, Tik Tok videos and other social media outlets. Basically we are talking about cyberbullying. While most of this is happening outside the school, while students are at home, it is having an impact here at school.

Please check in with your child about how their peer relationships are and be aware of checking in and monitoring their phones and social media accounts. Conversations at both school and home are important and communication between school and home are equally as important.

If you have any concerns please let us know so that we can address them at school. All students deserve a comfortable and safe learning environment. Please help us provide this for your children.

Sincerely,

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Principal

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