CYBERBULLYING PREVENTION AND REPORTING

Cyberbullying:

Cyberbullying is bullying that occurs through use of electronic technology such as cell phones, computers, tablets, which include social media sites, text messages, chat, twitter, and websites.

Effects of Cyberbullying:

Cyberbullying results in youth who are more likely to exhibit the following behaviors:

* Use alcohol and drugs.
* Unwilling to attend school and receive poor grades in school.
* Experience bullying directly with another person.
* Exhibit lower self-esteem and experience more health issues.

Prevention of Cyberbullying:

* Refrain from sharing your Identification with others. Do not give your password to others.
* Refrain from posting information or pictures on-line that should not be shared with others.

Report Cyberbullying:

* **If you feel that you are a victim, please contact your local Police Department by phone: 911.**
* Report Cyberbullying immediately to Law Enforcement, Online Service Providers, and Schools.
* Do not respond to Cyberbullying messages.
* Keep evidence of Cyberbullying such as a record of the date, time, and description of the Cyberbullying occurrence.
* Electronically block the person who is Cyberbullying.

Georgia Law regarding Bullying: **1999 Georgia Laws, H.B. 84, Chap. 282 (O.C.G.A. § 20-2-751.4 and O.C.G.A. § 20-2-751.5.)**

Requires the implementation of a character education program at all grade levels that is to include methods of discouraging bullying and violent acts against fellow students.   2010 - Georgia Updates with SB 250 .