



WEST PLATTE SCHOOL DISTRICT

"Preserving the Past, Building the Future"

The West Platte School District is dedicated to preserving the past and building the future for our students. Our mission is to develop students with a healthy, intellectual, physical, and emotional balance that will enable them to become lifelong learners and productive citizens in a changing society.

Dear West Platte Parents and Community:

The West Platte School District is committed to providing a safe educational environment for all students. The District has recently engaged in the CharacterPlus Character Education Process in order to develop a safe and supporting school environment that is highly conducive to learning. Though the enrichment of quality character traits among students, faculty, and community, we expect to:

1. Improve student academic achievement,
2. Improve student attendance,
3. Reduce and prevent incidents of bullying between students in the educational environment, and
4. Improve the overall learning environment and outcomes of our school.

Developing quality character traits and reducing bullying, however, is not a responsibility that happens only on school property or during the school day. It is also a family and community responsibility that should also occur outside of school. Therefore, it is important that parents play an active role in their students' lives to help establish quality character traits and develop skills to prevent bullying. The intent of the West Platte School District is to rally community-wide support for the CharacterPlus process and thereby bring a team approach to character development and bullying prevention in our school and community.

If you would like more information on the CharacterPlus Program, please visit:

<http://www.characterplus.org/page.asp?page=168>

The web also offers a number of great resources that can assist you if you feel your child is being bullied, or if you feel your child is bullying. A few of those links are:

<http://www.stopbullying.gov/>

<http://www.violencepreventionworks.org/public/index.page>

<http://www.helpguide.org/mental/bullying.htm>

<http://www.justsayyes.org/topics/bullying/>

If you feel your child is being bullied or if you have other concerns about your child's safety at school, please contact your child's teacher, counselor, or principal to report the concern. Providing a safe learning environment is a cornerstone of the educational process at West Platte. We look forward to working with you as we implement the CharacterPlus, and if we may be of service to you or your child, please let us know.

Sincerely,
Jerrod H Wheeler, Ed. D.
Superintendent of Schools