

Good evening parents and students this is Mr. Ramnytz, Superintendent of Barberton Schools.

After having multiple conversations and listening to our students and parents... this summer it became clear that bullying is on the hearts and minds of many parents and members of our community.

After discussing this feedback with the administrators in the buildings, we want you to know that we will not tolerate bullying of any type (physical, written, verbal and electronic). We have a plan for how to work together to deal with bullying.

The key to stopping bullying from taking place or continuing is the immediate reporting of any incident to staff and Principals.

We take this very seriously and will investigate every bullying report.

Every, single, one.

If we do not know about the bullying, there is nothing we can do.

We encourage students to let us know immediately, and if parents know they need to call us as well.

Please understand that every investigation does not result in discipline based on bullying policy. Many times each individual involved committed an infraction. This would be considered a peer dispute and handled appropriately.

If it is found that there in fact is bullying taking place (frequent, one sided harassment), it will be dealt with everything in our power based on the regularly reviewed Barberton Code of Student Conduct and Discipline.

Barberton is a great community and we promote a safe welcoming family atmosphere in the schools for everyone. We encourage our students to be respectful to each other and to lookout for each other.

Parents we need your help.

Please continue to encourage your children to treat everyone with respect and to report any bullying to us immediately.

The safety of every child is vital to their ability to learn, which is why it's our top priority.

If you have questions about our student conduct policy, I'd like to hear them. Please call (330-753-1025) or email anytime.

- Mr. Ramnytz