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Bullying

Definitions:

Bullying: A person is bullied when he/she is exposed repeatedly over time to negative actions on the part of one or more individuals. It is aggressive behaviour intended to do harm.

Cyber-bullying: Use of the Internet or other information or communication technologies, such as e-mail messages or text messages sent by phone or other communication device, to support deliberate, repeated and hostile behaviour by an individual or group that is intended to harm someone else.

Bullying can be physical, verbal or relational in nature. It includes but is not limited to:
-name calling, insults, threats, put-downs, false accusations, gossip, harmful rumors, negative comments about appearance, homophobic comments, deliberate social exclusion, ruining of friendships, damage to reputations, intimidation, extortion, pushing, punching, spitting, pinching.

Both proactive and reactive approaches to prevention of bullying will be undertaken in Pine Creek School Division. Schools, as part of their annual planning and reporting, will document the implementation of proactive programs of bullying prevention.

All incidents of bullying will be dealt with under the code of conduct, harassment prevention policy, or violent incident policy, or some combination thereof.

All incidents of bullying and consequences for same shall be documented by the School Principal and reported to the Superintendent.