*School District of Gilman*

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Dear Parent(s) and Guardian(s),

We are excited to inform you that our school has enrolled with STOPit. STOPit is an online app that was developed to help students and schools stop bullying and inappropriate behavior. Students with the app can report — anonymously — any inappropriate or bullying behavior via text message. Administration can respond to the text to seek additional information, but they won’t know who is texting the information, photo, video or screen shot. Administrators can then make inquiries about the report and open a file that documents all their actions.

Our students will have access to the free STOPit mobile app and Chromebook app, which has a few simple but powerful features. Report can be used by students to anonymously report incidents to school administrators. Messenger allows administrators to conduct a “text-like” conversation with the anonymous reporter to receive more information regarding the incident. Get Help allows students to connect with support resources, such as the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline and the Depression Hotline.

Report, Messenger, and Get Help empower students to stand up for themselves and for one another. Through STOPit, students have the power to help put an end to bullying and inappropriate behavior that they see occurring in Gilman Schools. They can also use STOPit to reach out for help if they or a peer are facing a personal crisis or experiencing bullying.

To build your understanding of the digital safety and the STOPit app, we would like to invite you to **a parent presentation** that will be conducted on **Monday, September 17th at 6:00 PM** in the high school gym. Furthermore, if you would like to access more information regarding digital safety and the STOPit app prior to the presentation, please feel free to visit the website [stopitcyberbully.com](http://www.stopitcyberbully.com).

Sincerely,

Jon Hess

5-12 Principal

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