



Bryan County Schools Partners with the Monique Burr Foundation to Protect Students



The Monique Burr Foundation (MBF) Prevention Education Programs are evidence-based/evidence-informed, primary prevention programs that educate and empower children, youth, and relevant adults with information and strategies to prevent, recognize, and respond appropriately to the four types of child abuse (physical, emotional, sexual, and neglect), exploitation/trafficking, bullying, cyberbullying, and digital dangers. The programs focus on safety and are:

RESEARCHED. The programs are developmentally appropriate, research-based, and utilize prevention research best practices.

SUPPORTED. The programs are supported by national subject matter experts, state leaders, and agencies in the education and prevention fields including Erin Merryn of Erin's Law, David Finkelhor, Ph.D., Director, Crimes Against Children Research Center, University of New Hampshire, and others, and are trusted by parents, and professionals.

Bryan County Schools will be implementing the MBF Child Safety Matters® curriculum for elementary students and MBF Teen Safety Matters® curriculum for middle and high school students. Funding for this program is provided by Title IV, Part A - Student Support and Academic Enrichment (SSAE). Parent/guardians will be sent home a welcome and opt-out form before the lessons begin.

The programs are based on 5 Safety Rules:

- Safety Rule #1 – Know What's Up. Know personal information and general safety information and procedures.
- Safety Rule #2 – Spot Red Flags. Recognize warning signs for yourself and others.
- Safety Rule #3 – Make a Move. Respond to warning signs and unsafe situations to stay safe.
- Safety Rule #4 – Talk It Up. Use a strong or assertive voice to say NO and talk to a Safe Adult.
- Safety Rule #5 – No Blame | No Shame. If you are hurt, you are never to blame and you should never be ashamed to tell.

The Monique Burr Foundation for Children is a nonprofit organization founded in 1997 by Edward E. Burr in honor of his late wife, Monique Burr, a devoted child advocate. The Foundation, located in Jacksonville, Florida, was created one year after her death to continue her legacy, and is dedicated to protecting children from all types of maltreatment and exploitation by providing the best prevention education programs, collaborating with partner organizations, and engaging communities in child safety initiatives with community awareness efforts and resources.

The Foundation's mission is to make a positive impact on the community at large, to create change in a family's life for the better, and to give hope in the life of a child by providing prevention education programs that are relevant to issues affecting children today.

For more information, please visit the Monique Burr Foundation website at www.mbfpreventioneducation.org or contact the Monique Burr Foundation for Children team at 904-642-0210 or info@mbfpreventioneducation.org.