Bully Prevention Program begins at Diamond Hill Elementary School

All schools deal with the issue of bullying. Abbeville County School District is taking proactive steps to stop and prevent bullying by adopting the OLWEUS Bullying Prevention Program. This research-based school wide “systems-change” program has been used successfully in schools all over the country and around the world with positive results.

This program is not a curriculum that students participate in for only a few weeks. Rather, it is a coordinated effort by all the adults in the school to supervise and intervene when any bullying happens. As part of the program, students participate in weekly class meetings to learn about the effects of bullying, what they can do about it, and how they can work with adults at school to put a stop to it even as bystanders. Parents will have meetings, too, so they can support the messages students are getting in school.

Implementing the OLWEUS Bullying Prevention Program is a long-term commitment to making Diamond Hill Elementary School a safer, more positive place to be. For more information about the program and/or ways to become involved, contact Amy Smith ([aksmith@acsdsc.org](mailto:aksmith@acsdsc.org)) your program coordinator.