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MEMORANDUM

TO: Superintendents and Principals
FROM: Deborah Swain-Bayless
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SUBJECT: National Bullying Prevention Awareness Month

October is *National Bullying Prevention Awareness Month* and a good time for schools, districts, and communities to review current efforts to reduce and prevent bullying through increased awareness. Indiana Department of Education has developed a webpage of resources, found [here](#), to support schools in increasing awareness, improving school climates and reducing rates of bullying.

School corporations should also ensure that they are meeting the Senate Enrolled Act 1230 mandate which requires them to provide a link on their website to the IDOE resource webpage. The IDOE webpage also provides guidance for parents and school officials outlining how to report bullying and cyberbullying incidents to law enforcement when the incident occurs off of school grounds.

Please contact Deborah Swain-Bayless at dsbayless@doe.in.gov or Ryan Stewart at rstewart@doe.in.gov for additional information.

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