**TO BE SENT FROM PRESENTATION COORDINATOR**

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Dear Parents:

Students today face unique challenges, enriched and complicated by technology and social media. Today, **Crime Stoppers of Houston**, in partnership with **David’s Legacy Foundation**, spoke with our students about bullying. The presentation taught students to recognize, stand up to, and end bullying and cyberbullying.

The presentation covered:

* Statistics relating to bullying and cyberbullying in Texas and nationally.
* **The difference between being mean or rude and bullying. (Bullying is repetitive or likely to repeat and requests for the aggressor to stop are ignored.)**
* The four types of bullying were explored – physical, verbal, social, and cyber.
* **The effects of bullying and cyberbullying.**
* The term UPSTANDER was introduced. Students were taught that an UPSTANDER tells a bully to stop, gets others to stand up to the bully with you, takes-action by helping the victim of the bullying, or tells an adult who can help.
* **What to do if bullied or cyberbullied and about the Don’t Bully Me Project sponsored by David’s Legacy Foundation.**
* David’s Law was discussed, and students were informed of its impact on the Texas Education Code, the Texas Civil Code, and the Texas Criminal Code.

In 2017, state lawmakers strengthened existing anti-bullying laws to include cyberbullying. Changes in law included updates to the Education Code and the Civil and Criminal Codes. For more information about the law please visit www.DavidsLegacy.org.

The presenting organizations also offer great information on their websites about bullying and cyberbullying should you be interested.

As always, please don’t hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or would like additional information.

Many thanks,