



Minersville Area School District

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They say it takes a village to raise a child, and never has that been truer than in the age of social media. Those of us in the Minersville Area School District are trying as best we can. As in years past, we continue to have assemblies with outside agents who were brought in to speak of the dangers and consequences of cyber-bullying. In January 2019, the Safe 2 Say App was created and we informed the students of its availability. We talk to the students on a regular basis. We post messages and make announcements imploring our students to be kind to one another. Nevertheless, this is a joint effort. As parents and citizens of our town, we need you to help.

Parents – we need you to have the hard talks with your children. The type of bullying that takes place today is different now than it was before social media sites. It's done hidden in the shadows of the internet where things are said without ever having to see the consequences of our words. Pain is caused and damage is done, but responsibility lays dormant in the shadows. We need your help.

Members of the community – we need you to keep an eye on the kids when they are out and about. If you see someone walking down the street who looks to be having a hard time, stop and ask if they're alright. If you have a concern, call the school. Someone will be glad to talk with you. We need your help.

These past couple of months have been terrible for the Minersville community. Our faculty and staff care more about your kids than you'll ever know. This isn't a job that you can leave at the door at the end of the day. We go home at night and worry about your kids while taking care of our own. When something tragic happens to one of yours, it hurts us deeply. However, amidst these tragedies, there has been growth. We have received messages of support from numerous places. We've seen the outreach and the concern from members of the community. Going forward, with your help, it is our greatest hope that we can work together to see that this type of tragedy never has to happen again.

In conjunction with colleagues from several community agencies, the school continues to provide professionally staffed personnel to all students. In addition, students can continue to meet with staff from our guidance and counseling department. If you feel your child is having difficulty and may benefit from additional support, please feel free to contact the school offices so the school can be made aware of the needs of your child. We are also supported by local mental health professionals and can provide you with referrals as needed. Together, this small village can raise our future and watch them shine bright in the world.

Sincerely yours,

Carl G. McBreen, Ed. D.
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