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***Bellevue School District Unveils  
New District-wide Bullying Prevention Curriculum  
New curriculum believed to be one of the first  
K-12, comprehensive and district-specific bullying prevention curriculum in the region.  
District and PTSA Hold Information Night***

The Bellevue School District has launched a bold new district-wide initiative aimed at preventing bullying in its schools. The new Bullying Prevention and Social Skills curriculum is being taught at all grade levels, in every school. It's thought to be the first comprehensive, integrated, district-specific, K-12 bullying prevention curriculum in the region.

On **Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup> at Newport High School**, the District and Bellevue PTSA Council will hold an Information Night for parents to unveil the elements of the new curriculum. The forum will address:

- What is bullying?
- What is the District doing to prevent bullying?
- What are some tools that parents can use to talk to kids about bullying?

Participants in the forum include Bellevue school administrators, teachers, counselors, parents and students.

The Bullying Prevention and Social Skills lessons are tailored to specific grade levels. Younger students learn about empathy, making friends, problem solving and responding to bullying. Integrated lessons for older students include the impact of gossiping, taunting and bullying, as well as the dangers of cyber-bullying. All students are challenged to think about a "Virtue of the Month," such as respect, compassion and integrity.

October is National Bullying Prevention Month. On "Unity Day," Wednesday, October 12, students, parents, school staff, community members and the media are encouraged to wear orange, as part of the national "Make it Orange and Make it End" bullying prevention campaign.

**What:           Bullying Prevention Information Night**  
**When:         Tuesday, October 11, 2011 at 5 p.m.**  
**Where:        Newport High School, 4333 Factoria Blvd SE, Bellevue.**  
**Who:          District administrators, teachers, parents and students.**