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Good Evening,

This is Dr. Higuera with a message that is not a weather related. It is about a subject much more important than snow and freezing temperatures. This message is being sent to you at a time when very young children would not normally be near your phone to hear its contents.

As part of the Miller Place School District's commitment to raise awareness about bullying and cyberbullying, we have arranged for Mr. John Halligan to conduct secondary student assemblies and a parent presentation this week.

All students at the North Country Road Middle School and Miller Place High School will take part in an assembly during the school day on Tuesday and Wednesday. There will be a special parent presentation on Tuesday night, March 10th at 6:30 PM in the Miller Place High School Auditorium.

During the presentation, Mr. Halligan will relay his own tragic experience as a dad whose 13-year-old son took his own life in 2003, as a result of bullying by peers both in school and online. His story is riveting, powerful, and reminds students that there is a face, a person, and a heart on the other end of the computer screen.

As part of the parent presentation on Tuesday night, we will also be discussing student cell phone use and practical ways parents can monitor their child's use of technology including texting, social networking and posting of pictures and videos on internet sites.

Parents of students in all grades, and staff members, please take the time out of your very busy schedule to join us on Tuesday night for this very important presentation and discussion.

For your reference this message and an information flyer have been posted on the District's website.

Thank you.

Dr. Marianne Higuera
Superintendent of Schools
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