

# Office of the Superintendent



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Dear Community Partner,

*Students First –  
Inspire, Educate, Celebrate*

A healthy school environment is much more than just the physical aspects of the building. It is also the emotional climate found in the halls, classrooms, playgrounds and fields. Twenty-five years ago, the District launched a program that blended character education into the regular routine of the school. Not a set curriculum, but rather a set of Core Values infused into lessons, practices, and behaviors with a goal of enhancing the school environment.

On Thursday, November 3, 2016, the District will host its annual Response to Bullying event, which has been renamed this year as “Care to the Core Rally.” This rally is in honor of our twenty-five year commitment to character education, and to our updated Dearborn Public Schools “Core Values.”

On behalf of the Board of Education, I would like to invite you to attend this free event, which is being held at the Ford Community and Performing Arts Center, located at 15801 Michigan Avenue. The program, which features student performances centered on feelings, core values, positive behavior and preventing bullying, begins promptly at 6:00 pm and will conclude by 7:30 pm.

The Core Values have become one of many tools used by the Dearborn Public Schools to address school climate and behavior. Six years ago, a coordinated District wide Response to Bullying Behavior program was launched and has made a very positive impact in our schools. During this time, additional programs have been added to include PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports), Restorative Practices, Leader in Me, STAND (Students Taking a New Direction) and Peer Mediation.

Creating a safe school environment, where all children can learn and succeed, takes the combined efforts of our staff, parents, and community. We appreciate the partnerships established over the years that have helped to accomplish this goal.

Thank you for your support. We look forward to seeing you at the Performing Arts Center on November 3<sup>rd</sup>, as all of us join together to “Care to the Core”.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Glenn Maleyko'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent 'G' and 'M'.

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