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April 23 Is "Care to the Core Day"

Student safety is one of the most talked about topics of the day. While the nation struggles with the debate on gun laws and mental health concerns those who spend their days in the classroom understand one component of ensuring student safety is to create a school environment that fosters communication, respect, and caring.

On Monday, April 23, every Dearborn public school will highlight the great ways their school is working to create that safe school environment during the first-ever "Care to the Core Day." Each school will participate in an activity or program that demonstrates programs that are centered on helping students resolve conflicts, understanding the impact of their behaviors, and creating a safer school environment.

Some schools may hold an anti-bullying awareness assembly, others may do an activity highlighting on several programs such as PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports), Restorative Practices, Leader in Me, STAND (Students Taking a New Direction), Peer Mediation, Beyond Differences or other initiatives that improve student relationships and/or minimizes bullying behavior.

A special Care to the Core Day tour bus, filled with school administrators, city leaders, and elected officials, will travel around the district visiting a variety of schools and taking part in the various activities. Scheduled to join Superintendent Maleyko and Cabinet members on the bus tour is U. S. Representative Debbie Dingell.

A link to a master schedule of events can be found on the District's webpage www.dearbornschools.org. Parents, community members, city officials and others are invited to visit a Dearborn public school on April 23 to see and experience first-hand the types of activities that Dearborn schools are doing to promote a positive environment that nurtures student success.

Creating a safe school and safe community is a city-wide effort in which partners work together to reach all community members and build a bully-free culture throughout the city of Dearborn. The Care to the Core Day is a key component of the district-wide plan that, through community partnerships and effective student-driven initiatives, is focused on identifying and stopping bullying behavior.

"Celebrating our seventh year of hosting anti-bully activities shows our school district's commitment to address culture and climate in our schools. It goes beyond addressing bully behavior. It's about creating an environment where all feel safe and welcome and how that impacts learning," stated Superintendent Glenn Maleyko, Ph.D. "We look forward to showing others how each school across our District is working towards the goal of making a better school environment where all students will succeed."

For more information about the Care to the Core Day and Dearborn Public Schools response to bullying initiatives, contact Danene Charles at 313-827-8330 or charled@dearbornschools.org