

Register Now for the Safe and Supportive Schools Conference January 22, 2016

The Minnesota Department of Education School Safety Technical Assistance Center, in partnership with PACER's National Bullying Prevention Center and Hamline University's School of Education, will be holding a one-day conference focused on implementing the Safe and Supportive Schools Act on January 22, 2016, at Hamline University in St. Paul from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The "Minnesota Safe and Supportive Schools Conference: Addressing Bullying in Schools" is designed for Minnesota school administrators, educators, school support staff, parents, student leaders, education stakeholders and community members. The conference will help participants build on their knowledge about bullying prevention and creating positive school climates.

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Workshops on a variety of topics will be held throughout the day, including:

- Working with children and adolescents who bully.
- Supporting students in bullying situations with practical solutions.
- Being safe on social media, including "social reporting" presented by Facebook.
- Addressing gender identity-based bullying.
- Bullying involving students with disabilities.
- Addressing the biases behind bullying.
- Examining restorative practices in schools.
- Using the Minnesota School Survey data to create youth profiles of developmental skills, supports and challenges.
- Bullying prevention and intervention projects done by youth.

The U.S. Department of Education Office of Safe and Healthy Students Director David Esquith will deliver the keynote “The Challenges, Emerging Issues, and Promising Practices in Improving School Climate” to open the conference. American Institutes of Research Vice President David Osher, an expert in creating safe and supportive schools, will speak in the afternoon.



The conference cost is \$20 for early registration and \$30 after January 4. Find more information and register on the PACER website at PACER.org/Bullying.

Registration includes lunch on-site at the Hamline’s Bishop’s Bistro, cafeteria along with snacks and beverages during registration and breaks. The all-you-care-to-eat location features international entrees, pizza, grill, deli, salad bar and more! Bishop’s Bistro also offers vegetarian, vegan and gluten-free options.

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Need Disability-Related Accommodations?

Contact PACER’s National Bullying Prevention Center at bullying411@PACER.org or 952-838-9000 to request a disability-related accommodation to participate in this event.

Note: A two-week advance notice is required to provide the requested accommodation, along with a 48-hour notice prior to the event to cancel the request.

Scholarships:

A limited number of scholarships are available; please contact Heather Hirsch (Heather.Hirsch@state.mn.us) to apply.

Credits:

7 hours of CEUs will be offered for Minnesota teachers, nurses and social workers. MDE has applied for CEUs for School Administrators.

Questions:

Contact Heather Hirsch at Heather.Hirsch@state.mn.us