

**MARIPOSA COUNTY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Mariposa, California**

RESOLUTION NO. 06-31

MARIPOSA COUNTY PROJECT RESPECT

WHEREAS, bullying is a growing national and local community concern and occurs in many areas of community life, among individuals of all ages and in all ethnic and socioeconomic groups; and

WHEREAS, bullying jeopardizes children's safety and creates both short and long-term problems for all children involved; and

WHEREAS, nearly half of all Mariposa County Unified School District students surveyed indicated that the adults in their lives ignore or do not recognize bullying between students; and

WHEREAS, bullying is unfair and one-sided and occurs when someone keeps hurting, frightening, threatening or leaving someone out on purpose; and

WHEREAS, fifty-nine percent of Mariposa County Unified School District students surveyed reported that they had been bullied at school within the past year; and

WHEREAS, research also shows that without effective intervention, children who regularly bully others may grow up to become perpetrators of domestic violence, child abuse, sexual abuse and other criminal behavior; and

WHEREAS, research also shows that effective bullying prevention requires an ongoing comprehensive community-wide approach; and

WHEREAS, public agencies, public schools, community groups and private citizens have joined together to address the problem of bullying in our community through Mariposa County Project Respect.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that it is the responsibility of all within the Mariposa County Unified School District to foster a community in which everyone gives and receives respect to all within the organization; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mariposa County Unified School District recognizes the initiation of Mariposa County Project Respect, which is committed to creating a safe and trusting community environment of mutual support, kindness and respect; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that outcomes of this resolution will be to permit and encourage policies and procedures, school professional development/training, adoption of an anti-bullying curriculum and support of a countrywide anti-bullying campaign.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Governing Board of the Mariposa County Unified School District of Mariposa County, this 17th day of August, 2006 by the following vote:

AYES: Henderson, Dewey, Simmons, Tucker
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

ATTEST: _____
Patrick J. Holland, Executive Secretary