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To: Parents, Caregivers and other Family Members

Re: Request for Assistance

Dear Parent or Caregiver:

I am writing to inform you that Wortham ISD has become aware that some Wortham students may be having problems on the social network, Facebook. I would greatly appreciate your cooperation in working with me to resolve these issues.

In order to keep students safe, productive and calm, it is important that each parent or caregiver be aware of hurtful, rude, or mean texts and, or online bullying, also known as cyber-bullying. Here are some things that you can do to help prevent cyber-bullying.

1. **Communicate with your children.** Today, talk with your son or daughter, and listen to any concerns about online activities that they are involved in. Talk specifically about cyber-bullying and encourage your children to tell you immediately if they see or experience cyber-bullying.
2. **Be aware of where your children go online.** (Facebook?) Familiarize yourself with your child's page and their friends' pages.
3. **Develop and enforce rules.** Work together and come to a clear understanding about when, where, and for what purpose phones and computers can be used. Develop clear rules about what is and what is not appropriate online.
4. **Texas Education Agency** states that it is important for each student to report any bullying (including cyber-bullying, or threats) to the nearest teacher or adult at school as soon as possible so school officials may take appropriate action.

If you know or suspect your children are being cyber-bullied or involved in bullying in any way, **take quick action. Contact the school administrator.** Some aggressive behavior is criminal. One website for information is provided by the US Department of Health and Human Services: <http://stopbullying.gov/>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bruce Tabor', written over a horizontal line.

Bruce Tabor
Superintendent/CEO