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Steps for Schools Comprehensive Plan

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- **Update Policies:** Clearly spell out “cyberbullying” in AUP, student handbook violations, board policies. This should include cell phone policies, too.
- **Form Technology Abuse Committee:** This committee is part of the Safe School Committee and it should include the technology people and non-tech savvy personnel. The combination will make the team stronger and get the message across teams within the school. This team will heighten awareness, survey students and staff, and review complaints.
- **Professional Development:** Train the staff on cyberbullying and make them aware of the seriousness of this action.
- **Teach the Students:** Use a comprehensive curriculum of Internet safety (iSafe) K-12 to teach cyber-citizenship and about cyberbullying. Students must be told to inform when report any incident.
- **Inform the Parents:** Hold a parent night or send home information about cyberbullying. Solicit their help in this battle to stop cyberbullying at school and at home.
- **Monitor Computer Usage:** Along with filtering more monitoring could occur at school. Each teacher needs to assist with this task.
- **Evaluate Survey and Violation Data:** Annually check the data to assess the gains made in lessening the cyberbullying problem in your school. If your plan is working successful continue, if the problem is escalating “beef-up” the policies, make sure you are being consistent with violators. Heighten awareness and use the newspaper, newsletters and webpage to get the information to your parents and community.

Cyberbullying is a serious issue and the Internet's “Virtual Society” is not going away. We have to learn to live in it as responsible global cyber-citizens.