

STUDENTS ARE HERE TO LEARN

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Dear Burr Ridge School District 180 Parents,

You send your child to our school to learn. And learning can only take place when students are respectful, responsible and safe. That's why teachers have spent the first few days of school teaching children about our "Four Be's" (*Be* Responsible, *Be* Respectful, *Be* Safe and *Be* TeRRiFFiC).

Because parents expect it, the school also expects that while children are at school ALL of their actions will be focused on learning. We believe that student behaviors that take away from learning or stop others from learning should NOT be allowed.

The Board of Education and I have decided that starting right now, the consequences for behaviors that take away from learning will be swift and sure. Every student, who is a continuing danger to other students or an ongoing threat of disruption to the learning process, can and will be immediately suspended from school.

Students and parents will be informed of the suspension. The school will also conference with parents and review any other information, but the student's suspension will not wait. It will begin immediately.

Excluding students from school is very unpleasant for us, because we recognize the importance of learning in the lives of our students. For this reason, students may be placed at our alternative school, INSPIRE Academy as a result of suspension or misbehavior.

All parents and students have received a copy of our rules and procedures. Please do what you can to be sure your child understands our rules.

Remember that we are attempting to provide a safe and sound place for learning. Students, who make our schools unsafe, by fighting or bullying, will not be allowed to attend Anne M. Jeans School or Burr Ridge Middle School. These schools have no place for students who will not comply with reasonable rules or are violent among our children.

At Burr Ridge School District 180, we are determined to maintain our high standards of excellence for our students and our schools and will not allow the actions of a few students to get in the way of the learning of others.

Sincerely,

Tom Schneider, Superintendent

