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Dear Parents and Guardians:

New York State Safe Schools Against Violence in Education (SAVE) Act is designed to ensure that schools remain safe and responsive to any emergency situation. It seeks to prevent incidents of violence and disruptive behavior in our schools and clearly codifies ways to intervene in unsafe situations using all available resources.

One important provision of Project SAVE is the requirement that all school districts develop and adopt a Code of Conduct for all students, teachers, other school personnel, parents and visitors. The Code of Conduct is a compilation of the rules that apply to all individuals on school property, on school buses and at all school functions including field trips and athletic events both home and away. Additionally, it is required that parents or those in parental relation, be given, prior to the opening of school, the “plain language” summary of the Code of Conduct. Students also must receive a detailed explanation of the code during the first week of school.

The Code of Conduct, adopted by the Connetquot Board of Education, identifies the various roles and responsibilities of students, parents, school personnel and the Board of Education. It provides specifics regarding unacceptable dress and inappropriate behavior on school property for all those who come to school on a daily basis and for those visitors who come less frequently. It identifies consequences, with due process, for improper behavior, especially violent behavior and behavior identified as substantially disruptive. The Code of Conduct also gives teachers the authority, with administrative oversight, to remove students from class for disruptive behavior.

The District’s Student Harassment, Hazing and Bullying Policy (0115) prohibits all forms of discrimination on district property, district transportation and at school-sponsored events and functions. It defines discrimination and provides elements for prevention, intervention and consequences in conjunction with the Code of Conduct.

The provisions of the Code of Conduct do not differ significantly from those rules and regulations that have been in effect for many years in the Connetquot School District. It is important, however, to codify the rules and regulations, and share them with the essential partners in order to continue to provide a safe and orderly school environment where students may receive and school personnel may deliver quality educational services without disruption or interference.

An abridged version of the 2024-25 Code of Conduct and Student Harassment, Hazing and Bullying policies will be distributed the first week of school. Copies of both in their entirety will be available in each school building, the district clerk’s office, and on our website at www.ccsdli.org.

Sincerely yours,

Principal