

Step Up. Step In.

Stop Sexual Bullying in Georgia

Sample Parent Announcement

Overview

Utilize the following letter and/or email templates – with the FAQ accompanying them – to announce the campaign to parents and other external audiences. Customize the message as you see fit for your school. Release the parent announcement from a principal or other administrator to demonstrate that your school is serious about this issue. Provide a single point of contact for parents to ask questions.

Letter

Dear Parent,

I am excited to announce that our school has joined a new campaign called *Step Up. Step In.* Led by the Georgia Department of Public Health and the Georgia Network to End Sexual Assault (GNESA), *Step Up. Step In.* is a collaborative movement that engages schools and communities to identify and stop sexual bullying from occurring between youth.

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Please review the enclosed FAQ or visit GASUSI.org to learn more about the campaign. Please contact [<insert name/insert title>](#), who will be heading up this initiative at our school, with questions or for additional information.

Sincerely,

[<Insert Name>](#)

[<Insert Title>](#)

Email

Copy and paste this content into the body of an email. **Reminder!** Attach the FAQ that is available for download at [GASUSI.org](https://www.gasusi.org).

Subject Line: We Have Become a Step Up. Step In. School!

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