## OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

## Richard A Green, Superintendent of Schools

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LISBON SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Dear Lisbon Families,

In a continuing effort to keep everyone informed and in light of the recent local and national school events related to bullying and suicide, the Lisbon School Department would like to again share the following resources and provide you with an overview of the safety procedures that we have in place within our schools. First and foremost, I want to assure you that student safety is our top priority and that we take these matters very seriously. As a parent, I completely understand how difficult it is knowing that your child has been negatively impacted by any of these issues and I want this letter to serve as a "bridge" to help us work together to protect and understand the challenges that our kids are facing.

Within our schools, we have made every effort to maintain the staffing necessary to support and educate our students on how to avoid, identify and report these matters to the proper authorities. We have procedures and protocols in place to document and address matters related to bullying and suicide including having an anonymous CyberBully Hotline reporting system and a full-time SRO available to investigate online and outside of school related complaints. However, it is becoming even more apparent that these issues are spreading far beyond our classrooms and we need to work together as a community to become more aware and proactive in addressing these student safety concerns.

Knowing that issues can occur outside of the school day, I wanted to provide you with the following contact information in the event that you need help supporting your child at a time when our staff are not available. This resource is also available on our webpage under **Parent Resources**.

CyberBully Hotline: L.C.S. (207) 517-8092, P.W.S. (207) 517-8093, L.H.S. (207) 517-8094

Lisbon Police Department: (207) 353-2500

Tri-County Mental Health Crisis Services: (207) 783-4680.

If you have questions or feel that your family may require additional support, please contact one of our guidance counselors or social workers. They can be reached at the following numbers:

L.C.S. (207) 353 4132 X201, P.W.S. (207) 353-3055 X3005, L.H.S. (207) 353-3030 X2006 or X2313

I want to again assure each of you that we take these matters seriously and have procedures and supports in place to provide a safe learning environment for your child. Please contact me at <a href="mailto:rgreen@lisbonschoolsme.org">rgreen@lisbonschoolsme.org</a> or 353-6711 X1005 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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