

## ANTI-BULLYING PLEDGE

**Ensuring student safety and creating a positive learning environment are two of Buena Vista City Public Schools top priorities. The school system seeks to maintain high behavioral expectations of all students in order to send a clear message to all students, parents, and community members that all schools are safe places and will not tolerate inappropriate behaviors including bullying.**

Bullying is defined as any aggressive and unwanted behavior that is intended to harm, intimidate, or humiliate the victim; involves a real or perceived power imbalance between the aggressor(s) and the victim; and is repeated over time or causes severe emotional trauma. Cyber bullying is the use of electronic media (including but not limited to the following devices: email, social media, peer to peer media, audio and/or video footage, texting) to support deliberate, repeated, and hostile behavior by an individual or group with the intention of physically or psychologically intimidating others.

Everyone should enjoy school equally and feel safe and accepted, regardless of popularity, athletic ability, school performance, family circumstances, gender, political affiliation, sexual orientation, race, and/or religion.

In signing this pledge, you, as the student, agree to:

- Value student differences and treat others with respect.
- Not become involved in acts of bullying, even as a bystander.
- Be aware of all forms of bullying and make sure actions are not aggressive or hurtful.
- Pay attention to the school's effort to end bullying.
- Pay attention in places in the school where there is less supervision.
- Use friendships to help and not hurt others.
- Support others who have been bullied or have bullied to find ways to help themselves.
- Report honestly and immediately incidents of bullying.
- Be a good role model for other students in school and help if signs of bullying begin.
- Talk with teachers and parents regularly if bullying is affecting your life.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Homeroom Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_