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Dear Parents and Guardians:

At Spring Avenue we continue to focus on building positive relationships that enhance our school culture and provide a safe environment for students and staff. This is an integral part of our educational success. Our student, teacher, and parent survey responses indicate that Spring Avenue has a positive, safe, and supportive school environment, but we do recognize that some of our students have concerns.

Our Responsive Classroom program is aligned with Gurrie Middle School's PBIS program, which encourages an awareness and involvement on safety, respect and responsibility to one's self and community.

We also work hard to ensure that each student feels comfortable talking with at least one adult at school about a problem or concern. Checking in with students through surveys and additional conversations, as well as individual check-ins, helps us maintain a pulse of the needs of individual students. Our whole class lessons, whole school meetings and focus for students to care for themselves, others and their surroundings are beneficial, as well. Parents advocating for their children is another way to help build awareness of needs.

In conjunction with these efforts to support students and provide an outlet for their concerns, we have two additional avenues for students to report concerns. These outlets are anonymous and available through email or phone.

This, by no means, should replace the student-adult relationships we work so hard to build. This is the critical element in our culture that strengthens relationships and builds trust. Our Speak-Up Line is for those times when, for whatever reason, a student may feel going to an adult is not an option, but they still feel compelled to say something or bring the situation to light. This additional support for students will continue to provide a safe, comfortable, and welcoming environment at Spring Avenue.

The Spring Avenue Speak-Up Line is an opportunity for students to report unsafe or disrespectful behavior in an anonymous manner. Students can call 708-784-1595 or email their concerns at SPRINGSPEAKUPLINE@d105.NET. Students do not need to leave their name, but simply state what they are concerned about. We will check these daily by 8AM when school is in session and act on any information we receive in a quick and confidential manner.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact myself, Miss Hall, Assistant Principal or Gail Weiland, School Social Worker. Working together, we can help students speak up when they need.

Sincerely
Mr. Brian Lawson