OOLOGAH-TALALA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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OTPS parents and guardians,

We are excited to inform you that our school has enrolled with STOPit, an anonymous online reporting tool designed to deter and mitigate bullying, cyber abuse, sexual harassment, discrimination and other unsafe behaviors. STOPit is available on every student's school issued Chromebook, and there is also an app available for download to their personal devices.

STOPit has two simple but powerful features:

- Report can be used by students to report incidents to school contacts anonymously.
- <u>Messenger</u> can be used to engage in anonymous two-way communication with trained members of the school administration and counseling team.

Both of these features empower students to stand up for themselves and for one another. Students have the power to help put an end to harmful and inappropriate behavior they see online through social media and other means. They can use STOPit to reach out for help if they or a peer are facing a personal crisis or experiencing bullying or abuse, or if they are otherwise in need of assistance. Our goal with STOPit is to create safer, kinder school communities both online and off.

No student information is needed to use STOPit. The only way personally identifiable information will be accessible through STOPit is if a student voluntarily includes it within the content of a report or message. Both our school and STOPit are committed to protecting the privacy of student data. STOPit is a signatory to the Student Privacy Pledge, spearheaded by the Future of Privacy Forum and the Software & Information Industry Association. You may review STOPit's Privacy Policy for details, including more information on how anonymous reporting works. More information and resources can be found online at stopitsolutions.com.

We are excited to have this as an anonymous reporting tool so all our students have an opportunity to voice their concerns. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at 918-443-6000, ext. 6080.

Respectfully,

Kendra Adkins, Assistant Superintendent