Bully-Proofing Your School

Bully-Proofing Your School, developed in the Cherry Creek School District more than 10 years ago, is finding new audiences in five Colorado schools this year:

Del Norte Middle School, Mountain Valley Elementary School, Mountain Valley Middle School, Underwood Elementary School, Vivian Elementary School

Initial training for the program, which focuses on empowering the majority of students who are neither bullied nor bullies to put an end to the behavior, is scheduled later this month. CSPV is sponsoring this widespread implementation of the program as a result of ongoing work with the Safe Communities–Safe Schools Initiative. Bullying continues to be a concern for schools statewide.

CSPV and Dr. William Porter and his staff from Cherry Creek School District will work closely with all school staff to establish a climate where students are safe from bullying. CSPV will conduct annual climate surveys and process evaluations in support of an outcome evaluation of the program funded by the CDC and OJJDP.

In addition, Summit County School District is receiving funding to implement the program independently.
CSPV, in partnership with The Colorado Trust, developed the Safe Communities ~ Safe Schools (SCSS) Initiative in response to requests from the Colorado education community. The goal of the Initiative is to help schools and communities create and maintain a positive and welcoming school climate free of drugs, violence, intimidation and fear - an environment which is strongly supported by the community, and in which teachers can teach and students can learn. To achieve this goal, CSPV is assisting schools in Colorado in designing individualized safe school plans based on the five components of the Safe Communities ~ Safe Schools Model:

- SCSS Planning Team
- Site Assessments
- Prevention Programming
- Social Support Team
- Crisis Planning.