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Greetings!

As we prepare to begin another great school year, we all know that the health and safety of our students is paramount. A kind and supportive learning environment for every student makes for a rewarding school culture and helps build the confidence of students and staff alike.

School administrators and teachers need to be vigilant in protecting every student in their care. There is no place for any form of bullying, harassment, cruelty, or humiliation toward any student.

There is a national initiative to help our schools build safe and supportive communities. The Tyler Clementi Foundation has developed a thoughtful and dynamic campaign called: *Day 1*, that's rooted in research to help stop bullying before it starts.

I'd like to ask every school district in Michigan to consider taking the *Day 1* pledge and receive helpful information and a toolkit to get your schools involved this year!

Here is the link to the website: <http://tylerclementi.org/day1/>

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brian J. Whiston".

Brian J. Whiston
State Superintendent

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