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Dear Superintendents, Safety Directors and Principals,

Today marks the first day of **National Bullying Prevention Month**, a time dedicated to raising awareness about the impact of bullying and strengthening our commitment to creating safe, supportive and respectful school environments.

At the **North Carolina Center for Safer Schools (CFSS)**, we take the climate of our schools seriously. No student – or adult, for that matter – should have to endure bullying, intimidation, harassment or an environment that makes them feel unsafe or unwelcome. Creating a positive school climate is an important part of creating safer schools, and we believe prevention and education are essential components of that work.

The mission of CFSS is to support North Carolina Public School Units (PSUs) through training, technical assistance and resources in the area of school safety. In keeping with that mission, CFSS is pleased to collaborate with **Life Changing Experiences (LCE)** to bring an engaging prevention experience to *100 schools across North Carolina during the 2026-2027 school year*.

There is no cost to participating in schools, and space is limited.

LCE offers immersive educational programs designed to help students address challenges they face while building safer, healthier school communities. Programs include:

- Free 2 Be – Grades 6-8: Bullying prevention, empathy and respect
- Addicted to Life – Grades 9+: Drug and alcohol prevention and informed decision-making
- Cinema Drive – Grades 10+: Safe driving, including distracted and impaired driving prevention

The programs combine immersive 3D films, compelling storytelling and individual handheld keypads that allow students to actively participate in the experience. LCE provides the audiovisual equipment and certified facilitators. Schools simply provide a darkened hall or auditorium and can schedule up to three 60- to 90-minute sessions per day. School leadership also receives a quantitative report regarding knowledge gained and shifts in behavioral intentions, with student responses remaining anonymous and confidential.

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We encourage you to review the attached informational flyer for additional details and consider bringing this experience to your students.

Space is limited, so we encourage interested schools to act promptly. For additional information or to participate, please contact John Van Arnam at jvanarnam@cfssnc.gov or 984-392-6304.

Thank you for all that you do each day to support, protect and educate the children of North Carolina. Together, we can continue building school communities where every student feels safe, respected, supported and empowered to make positive choices.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Karen W. Fairley'.

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