Dear Raytown Schools Parents and Guardians,

We recognize that creating a safe learning environment is a critical part of helping each child achieve academic success. This year, we will introduce Sprigeo, a new online system that parents, guardians, and students can use to report bullying incidents and school safety threats. Sprigeo will give our stakeholders another medium for communicating with our school administration when bullying or school safety incidents occur. All information sent through the Sprigeo system goes directly to school administrators through a secure online connection.

How does the Sprigeo system work?

Individuals can access the reporting form directly through a link on the district's homepage, each school website, Sprigeo's mobile app or they may go to the Sprigeo.com website. After completing the reporting form and clicking the "submit" button, the report details are sent in a secure email to our school administrators.

When submitting a report, please provide as much detail as possible. Our ability to respond to reports often correlates to the amount of detail provided in the report. When submitting a report, please include details regarding WHO is involved (first and last name if known), WHEN the conduct occurred, WHERE the conduct occurred, and provide as much detail as possible regarding WHAT specific conduct is being reported.

Does the school receive false reports?

Over 95% of reports sent through the Sprigeo system have been confirmed as authentic requests for help with a bullying incident or school safety threat. Unlike text messages or Facebook posts that can be shared among a large group of individuals, all Sprigeo reports are viewable only by school and district administrators, minimizing the impact an individual has to falsely accuse or abuse another person.

Why is there a need for an online reporting system?

The number one reason why students do not report bullying or abuse is the fear of retaliation from their peers. The Sprigeo reporting form can be accessed from the privacy of a home computer or other Internet-equipped device, eliminating the possibility of being identified by another student.

How does the Raytown School District define Bullying?
They Raytown School District defines bullying as Aggressive unwanted behavior that causes a reasonable student to fear for his or her personal safety or property and substantially interferes with the educational performance, opportunities or benefits of a student without exception; or substantially disrupts orderly operation of the school.

Sincerely,

Dr. Allan Markley
Superintendent of Schools