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Dear Parents and Guardians,

The Hamburg School administration and staff are committed to providing a safe, secure, and healthy environment that allows all students to maximize their learning potential. We consider bullying to be detrimental to the health and safety of students and disruptive to the educational process. In order for our school to carry out its duty of providing all students with a safe environment in which to learn, grow and develop – our school seeks to enlist the support and co-operation of all parents in the school community.

To support our beliefs, the Hamburg School is pleased to announce the upcoming presentation from Mallory's Army. Due to the sensitive nature of this program, the presentation will only be offered to our Grades 5-8 students. We would like to recognize and thank the Borough of Hamburg and the Hamburg Police Department for their support in funding this presentation for our students.

As background, Mallory Rose Grossman, 12 year-old student from Rockaway, NJ was an avid gymnast, cheerleader, and lover of all things outdoors. With so much life ahead, the unimaginable occurred. Sadly, on June 14, 2017, Mallory took her own life because of horrific bullying. Despite the devastation of losing her daughter, Mrs. Grossman has channeled the pain into advocacy work, allowing Mallory's suicide death to spark a movement. In the years since, Dianne Grossman has started Mallory's Army, a non-profit dedicated to bullying prevention and kindness (Patch, June 14, 2018).

Mallory's story will be shared on Tuesday, February 12th from 1:00 – 2:00 PM with students in Grades 5-8. At the conclusion, students will be armed with blue "Mallory's Army" bracelets to signify their connection to the fight against bullying. This will be immediately followed by a parent only presentation (open to all Hamburg School parents and community members) from 2:00-3:00 PM. Please note that younger children may not attend the parent program.

If you have any questions regarding this presentation, please contact me by phone at 973-827-7570 x. 209 or by email at ksigman@hamburgschool.com

With Hamburg Pride,

Kimberly Sigman
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