

GARDEN CITY PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION
56 Cathedral Avenue
Garden City, New York 11530

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Dear Parents:

Last spring, the School District Administration announced they would be researching Cyber-Bullying. Dr. Rita Melikian, Director of Educational Technology along with Dr. Fino Celano, Assistant Superintendent for Personnel will be meeting to discuss Cyber-Bullying issues. The purpose of this committee will be to make recommendations to the Board of Education and the Community on what should be done about cyber bullying. Administration has now asked PTA to appoint a parent representative to join the Cyber-Bullying Research Committee. This committee will be comprised of Dr. Melikian, Dr. Celano, Social workers from the elementary, middle and high schools, various health teachers, students and 2 parent representatives (one appointed by PTA and one appointed by SEPTA).

Parents interested in this position must submit a letter outlining how they would be an asset to this committee. The PTA president will present these letters to the PTA Executive Committee. The Executive Committee will review the letter with candidates names withheld to ensure the candidate is chosen anonymously. The candidate must meet the following criteria:

- Have children who are presently attending or have attended the Garden City School District (anyone who has encountered cyber bullying in some way would be helpful)
- Be available to attend **all** committee meetings. Meetings will take place November 8th, January 31st, and March 7th from 3:30–5:30pm, in the administration building.
- Have an open mind and be able to solicit concerns and suggestions from parents regarding cyber bullying
- Report parental concerns to the committee for discussion
- Provide committee progress reports to the PTA Executive Committee and PTA membership at **all** School PTA meetings and forums (Primary level – High School).

Candidates interested in serving must submit their letter to the above address (PTA mail box) or email to gmadigan@gardencitypta.org, no later than 3:00pm on Thursday, November 4, 2010.

This will not be the only opportunity for parental involvement in the research process. The PTA will work to provide committee updates at PTA meetings and at BOE meetings and also via the PTA email blasts and the local newspapers.

Sincerely,

Gail Madigan, President, GCPTA

