



GARDEN CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
The Primary/Elementary Schools at Hemlock, Homestead,
Locust, Stewart and Stratford

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Dear Parents,

The Garden City School District has always been committed to providing a supportive, nurturing and safe environment for all students. On July 1, 2012, New York State implemented new legislation, known as the Dignity for All Students Act. The goal of the Dignity Act was to create a safe and supportive school climate where students could learn and focus, rather than fear being discriminated against and/or verbally and/or physically harassed. **As of July 1, 2013, the Dignity for All Students Act was amended and now includes clear guidelines when addressing cyber-bullying and bullying in schools.** In support of this goal, we have attached a brochure containing resources, the names of contact staff members (Dignity Act Coordinators), and an age appropriate code of conduct. Please discuss the enclosed expectations for school conduct with your child. Following this conversation, sign the acknowledgement below that your child has reviewed, and will abide by the code of conduct. Return the tear off to your child's teacher the **first day of school.**

Thank you for your support in promoting a safe and respectful school climate.

Sincerely,

Audrey Bellovin
 Hemlock Principal

Jean Ricotta
 Locust Principal

Suzanne Viscovich, Ed.D
 Homestead Principal

Linda Norton
 Stewart Principal

Eileen Vota
 Stratford Principal

→→ **SIGN / TEAR - AND RETURN TO YOUR SCHOOL** ←←



I acknowledge that I have read and discussed the Code of Conduct with my child.

STUDENT NAME _____

PARENT SIGNATURE _____

SCHOOL _____

TEACHER _____ **ROOM #** _____