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Dear Salk Staff,

The social and emotional learning of our students should be a collaboration with schools, families and communities and involve **EVERY** member of our school staff- from teachers to secretaries, to lunch workers and bus drivers. It is the hopes of this letter to provide you with additional information regarding our RISE Program.

What is RISE? RISE is a home-grown social and emotional program which started in the 2006-2007 school year. We decided that instead of a bullying prevention program, we focus on teaching students core values which will improve behavior, academics, and social learning.

Who is involved with RISE? EVERYONE!

How can I implement more RISE values into my classroom? Start small, and reflect on your current practices. Have you developed rules and goals with your students? Do you and your students use 'I statements' and demonstrate responsible behavior in the classroom? Are there any service learning opportunities you can connect with your curriculum?

What else can I do to become more involved with RISE?

- Need extra ideas? Ask a RISE committee member for support.
- Join a RISE committee!
- Ask questions at a faculty meetings when RISE is mentioned.
- Find a good video four our RISE clip? Send it to Mr. Mulligan!

How has RISE helped our students?

- RISE's successful reduction in number of bullying and disciplinary incidents
- Our students demonstrating strong academic success including substantial involvement in honors and accelerated English, mathematics, and science programs(35% increase since 2011 and 11% participation in honors classes this year)

We are continuing to improve our program with the help and support of students, staff, families and community members. We have additional resources regarding RISE and social emotional learning in our Staff Resources link on Salk's RISE website.