## Anti – Bullying Program at Stanton Middle School

## Per the Red Clay Consolidated School District's Student Code of Conduct, bullying is defined as:

An intentional act, physical, verbal, or electronic, towards a student, school, employee, or school volunteer that causes reasonable fear or substantial harm, interferes with a safe educational environment, or coerces others to cause harm.

Stanton Middle School has implemented strategies to eliminate the occurrences of bullying behavior in our classrooms. Students participated in an anti-bullying assembly in September, 2009. Additionally, classroom lessons have been designed and taught to teach students strategies for recognizing bullying behaviors and how to seek staff assistance. A student exhibiting negative behaviors at school is required to attend a conference with school administration, accompanied by his/her parent. Individual counseling is provided to assist students in choosing in demonstrating appropriate behaviors in school regularly. A student, who feels they are the victim of bullying behaviors, is encouraged to report incidents to any staff member he/she feels comfortable with at Stanton Middle School. All reports are taken with the highest level of priority and confidentiality. Additional counseling is provided to reporting students.

School safety is a priority at Stanton Middle School. We take pride in our productive classrooms, positive atmosphere and successful students.