



MEDIA ADVISORY

ENDING BULLYING IN MICHIGAN: NEW REPORT PROVIDES POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

- WHAT:** Ending Bullying in Michigan: Presentation of Report and Press Conference
- WHEN:** October 26th, 2015
8:30am – 11:00am
- WHO:** School-Community Health Alliance of Michigan, Wayne State University, Michigan's Children, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Michigan Board of Education
- WHERE:** Zion Lutheran Church
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DETAILS:

A new report from Wayne State University provides insights of the status of adolescent bullying in Michigan. In 2011, Govern Snyder signed anti-bullying legislation which required school districts throughout the state to develop anti-bullying policies within the next six months. In 2015, he added cyber bullying to that legislation.

This press conference aims to address the following questions and provide discussion for the future on the issue of school bullying and responses to bullying.

- What is the status of the bullying in Michigan?
- What are the experiences of teens who have been bullied?
- Has recent legislation helped to reduce bullying?
- What programs and initiatives are effective at reducing bullying?
- What other steps can we take to reduce bullying?



**Anti-bullying Press Conference
October 26, 2015
Agenda**

Location:

Zion Lutheran Church
1501 W Liberty St, Ann Arbor, MI 48103
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Agenda:

8:30am registration

9:00am Matt Gillard, President and CEO, Michigan's Children, Event MC

9:10am Pastor Jim Debner, Zion Lutheran Church

9:15am John Austin, President, State Board of Education

9:35am Jun Sung Hong, Assistant Professor, WSU School of Social Work

9:50am: Representatives and youth from a Washtenaw School

10:20am Angela Churnovich, Vice President of WELCA and Founder of the anti-bullying intervention program, "No hurt words"

10:30am to 11:00am time for media and other audience questions for speakers

This press conference was sponsored by:

Michigan's Children
School Community Health Alliance of Michigan
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