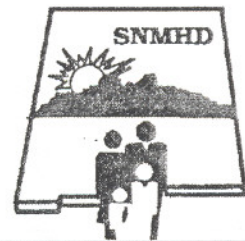


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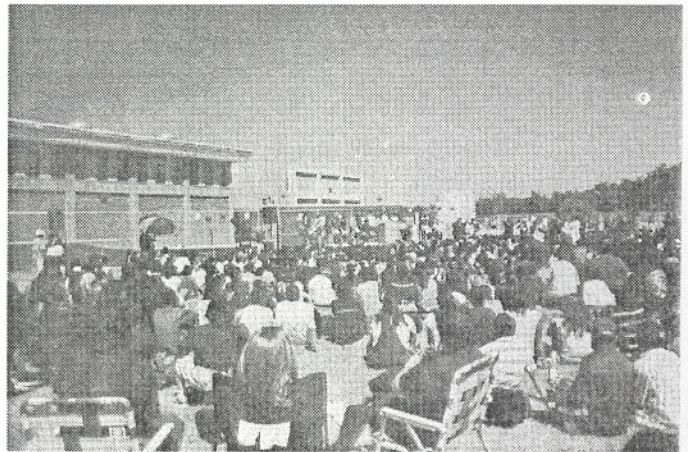
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Gadsden Middle School Declares: Bullying Stops With Us!

Violence is a serious public health problem that has a significant impact on the health and well-being of America's young people. Dedicated to reducing youth violence in Gadsden Independent School District (GISD), Southern NM Human Development, Inc. (SNMHD) joined forces with Gadsden Middle School to unveil the Violence Prevention/Bullying Program now being implemented on their campus.

On Tuesday, Sept. 30, approximately 1,100 students participated in a Kick-Off to officially introduce the program to the student body and to the community. Students decorated the school campus with anti-violence posters and wore purple – the national color for violence prevention.



Teachers and students gathered to hear guest speakers at the Violence Prevention/Bullying Program Kick-off.

The Violence Prevention/Bullying Program is the first of its kind to be implemented in the state of New Mexico. It's a non-curriculum program that's designed to change the social norms around violence on campus and to raise awareness on the issue of bullying. If successful, the school should show a significant reduction in bully/victim problem among the students, show improved peer relations, and show an overall improvement in the school climate.

For more information about the Violence Prevention/Bullying Program please call Eldelisa Nava at (505) 882-5101.

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