TIPS FOR PARENTS

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For parents of students in the Greater Toronto Area, there are new laws that affect the way schools are run. The Safe Schools Act is a law that was passed in Ontario in 2004. It is designed to make schools safer places for students.

The Safe Schools Act defines what is considered bullying and sets out the rights and responsibilities of students, teachers, and parents. It also outlines the steps that schools must take to prevent bullying.

Here are some tips for parents:

- Be aware of the laws and regulations that apply to schools in your area.
- Talk to your child about the Safe Schools Act and what it means for them.
- Encourage your child to report any incidents of bullying they witness or experience.
- Work with your child's school to address any concerns you have about bullying.

For more information, you can visit the website of the Ontario Ministry of Education or contact your local school board.

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- **People for Education:** www.peopleforeducation.com
- **Ontario Ministry of Education:** www.edu.gov.on.ca

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The Safe Schools Act is a comprehensive piece of legislation that aims to ensure the safety and well-being of students in Ontario’s schools. It establishes a framework for safe schools, mandates school boards to develop and implement Safe School Plans, and provides for enforcement actions in cases of non-compliance. People for Education supports the implementation of this act to create safer learning environments for all students.