

Testimonials for Nancy Willard

Nancy Willard has painstakingly reviewed the relevant research and distilled the implications to a manageable and understandable set of guidelines that professionals working with young people can incorporate into their activities to help support a positive climate and empower young people to build positive relations.

- Justin W. Patchin, Ph.D., co-director of the Cyberbullying Research Center, co-author of *Bullying Today: Bullet Points and Best Practices*, *Bullying Beyond the Schoolyard: Preventing and Responding to Cyberbullying (2nd edition)*, *Words Wound: Delete Cyberbullying and Make Kindness Go Viral*

Nancy Willard is a passionate advocate for improving the safety and emotional well-being of children and one of the field's most knowledgeable experts.

- Emily Bazelon, J.D., reporter for Slate, author of *Sticks & Stones: Defeating the Culture of Bullying and Rediscovering the Power and Character of Empathy*

Nancy Willard is a knowledgeable, caring and tough – in the best sense of the word! – advocate for all children. Combining educational and legal understandings, Nancy is an important co-leader in supporting and furthering practically important school improvement efforts.

- Jonathan Cohen, Ph.D. President, National School Climate Center; Adjunct Professor in Psychology and Education, Teachers College, Columbia University; Co-editor, *International Journal on School Climate and Violence Prevention*

Nancy Willard has integrated and translated the current research and knowledge on effective bullying prevention into a set of very useful and practical tools. Embrace Civility will help schools transform the problem of bullying into an opportunity for creating and sustaining a safer and more supportive learning environment for students, parents and staff.

- James Dillon, Director, The Center for Leadership and Bullying Prevention, author of *Reframing Bullying Prevention to Build Stronger School Communities*

Students overwhelmingly desire peaceful, supportive environments that promote learning. I have used Nancy's positive social norms approach with students in several schools and have found that students are very interested in what their peers think about how they treat each other. This prevention approach is highly welcomed and effective.

- Gary McDaniel, MSW, LICSW, Clinical Social Worker, Morgan County Schools

Nancy's approach is centered on using young people as agents of change who can powerfully transform their communities by modeling and sharing positive behaviors marked by kindness, civility, mutual respect, empathy, and meaningful conflict resolution.

- Sameer Hinduja, Ph.D., co-director of the Cyberbullying Research Center, co-author of *Bullying Today: Bullet Points and Best Practices*, *Bullying Beyond the Schoolyard: Preventing and Responding to Cyberbullying (2nd edition)*, *Words Wound: Delete Cyberbullying and Make Kindness Go Viral*

Nancy Willard is a recognized national leader in the development of positive approaches to help young people build positive relations. Nancy provides excellent resources to every organization that seeks to empower young people to better be of service in their schools and communities.

- Cheryl Varnadoe, Extension 4-H Specialist -Family and Consumer Science and Communications, Georgia 4-H

Nancy combines a genuine passion for justice for kids with an equal desire to help schools and youth organizations cope with the challenges they face and shift to a more positive approach.

- Stuart Green, DMH, LCSW, Director, NJ Coalition for Bullying Awareness and Prevention

Nancy clearly outlines proactive, research-based strategies for schools and youth organizations to more effectively reduce bullying and limit its harmful effects.

- Elizabeth K. Englander, PhD, Director, Massachusetts Aggression Reduction Center, author of *Bullying and Cyberbullying: What Every Educator Needs to Know*