

Endorsements for the *Peaceful School Bus Program*

“The school bus is often an experience of fear and insult for American kids. ‘Taming’ it is no small task for a school. Using positive approaches such as the *Peaceful School Bus Program* is much more likely to lead to real peace than ‘making war on bullies.’ Dillon offers a well-grounded approach for dealing with bullying issues on school buses.”

— James Garbarino, director of the Center for the Human Rights of Children, Loyola University, Chicago, and co-author of *And Words Can Hurt Forever*

“We have been implementing the *Peaceful School Bus Program* in Duanesburg Elementary School for three years. We have middle school students bussed over for our bus route group meetings and they act as peer leaders during the meetings and on the bus.

We have found the *Peaceful School Bus Program* to be an effective way to address bus safety, develop positive social skills among students, and address conflicts and bullying that occurs on the buses. The school district has seen a significant drop in negative bus behaviors.”

— Kathleen A. O’Brien, Ph.D., principal of Duanesburg Elementary School, Delanson, New York

“In many school systems, the school bus is a traveling moral jungle. Peer cruelty, bad language, and even sexual acting-out are increasingly common. Little kids get nervous stomachs about riding the bus in the morning and dread getting back on it for the ride home. Some parents say that one of the reasons they home school is to spare their child the anxiety of riding the school bus. For all these reasons, the *Peaceful School Bus Program* will be a blessing to every school district in America that wants to extend a culture of character to this crucial part of the school environment.”

—Tom Lickona, author of *Character Matters* and director of the Center for the Fourth and Fifth Rs (Respect and Responsibility), SUNY Cortland

“*The Peaceful School Bus Program* is a thoughtful, well-proven program that turns the daily school bus ride from a breeding ground for bullies to a vehicle for character development, positive decision-making, and the building of a community that works for everyone!”

— Red Grammer, Grammy-nominated composer, recording artist, and educator