

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Ariel and I am your student state representative of Pennsylvania for the Be Strong campaign to stop bullying. I am an intelligent, outgoing 12 year old currently on summer break before preparing to enter the 7th grade. In my free time, I like to play tennis for fun and would like to become apart of my school's track team this upcoming school year. Overall, like most pre-teens I like to have fun, try new things and explore new places however, one thing sets me apart. I am very involved in my school and communities efforts to put an end to bullying. One way I use my voice to stand up against bullies and create safe learning environments at my school is by serving as the captain of the School Safeties. In order to be successful in this position, I have to consistently be a leader, set a positive example and show the younger kids how to stick up for themselves. I encourage students to follow the rules and use their voice to participate in peer mediation to resolve conflicts instead of bullying and fighting. I try to motivate my classmates to also be positive examples for younger kids in our school and encourage them to find something they are passionate about, just as I did with the anti-bullying campaign. In addition, I am the Student State Representative for Pennsylvania and try to use my role to lead positive change. I want for everyone to be respectful of one another, even if they don't like each other. This school year I plan to lead many school-wide anti-bullying activities such as an anti-bullying poster contest during anti-bully awareness month, encourage everyone to participate in school wide behavior incentives and host "Mix-It-Up Day" at lunch. This day encourages everyone to eat lunch with someone they may not be familiar with. I hope to encourage everyone to be kind and make an effort to get to know other people with hopes they create friendships. Also, as the student state representative for anti-bullying, I will continue to complete several task and challenges, and then make a video about my experiences. I hope my feedback inspires others to take a stand against bullies and be leaders in their communities. Please follow my journey by looking at my videos on the BE Strong website. Lastly, I also plan to use my voice to help younger students with resolving conflicts appropriately. A rule that I hope to make permanent in my school community is to try your very best to give a compliment to at least one person in the morning, every day.

Sincerely,

Ariel