

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Ariel and I am honored to announce that I am the recently selected Be Strong Student State Representative for the wonderful state of Pennsylvania. I am very excited to hold this position. I look forward to completing challenges and tasks each and every month to promote a bully free environment at my school and in my community. So far, I have completed the June task and gave out compliments to my peers and my teachers. I did this with hopes of motivating everyone to do random acts of kindness and compliment one another.

In addition to serving as the state representative, I also attend school in Philadelphia. For the 2017-2018 school year, I am going to enter 7th grade. During this past school year, I was a school safety and served as the captain. This is one of the leadership positions I am most proud of. Being a captain of the school safeties requires a lot of responsibility, including arriving early at school and making sure everyone else is at their post on time to greet students and staff. I also occasionally volunteer as a mentor in classrooms with younger children. I do this during my lunch and recess. I try to be a positive role model and a leader and encourage others to consistently do the right thing, to be respectful and to be kind. Specifically in my classroom, I set a positive example for my peers to follow. I work really hard to get good grades, go to school every day, and earn points to go to PBIS events. I try to get my classmates to work just as hard because getting an education is important. I also set a positive example by being apart of my school's anti-bullying art contest. This contest encouraged students in grades kindergarten through sixth grade who like to draw to make the best anti-bullying poster. The top winners were offered a prize.

All in all, you might be asking yourself, "Why would I want to know all of this?" I think it's important that I let others around me know what great things are going on in my school and my community with hopes of encouraging others within the state of Pennsylvania, and around the world, to create environments that are inclusive and bully free. I want to try and make the world a peaceful place so parents don't have to be scared or strict about letting their kids go outside to play with their friends. I want others to be willing to make a new friend, give a compliment, or stick up for someone and take a stand against bullying, even if they don't know the person. Additionally, I think it would be nice to show kids that a little kindness goes a long way and sometimes, rewards do come with it. I hope to inspire others to follow in my footsteps of being a safety, applying to be the state representative or just trying something new. All in all, I hope to promote anti-bullying and help make the world a better place for my peers, my family and everyone willing to listen to a seventh grader from the state of Pennsylvania.

Sincerely,

Ariel, Your Be Strong PA State Representative