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# An EDU-TAINMENT APPROACH TO DEFUSING CONFLICT

# WEirD Detention LLC recognizes that teaching Conflict Resolution Skills is a proven means of developing a safer environment for our youth.

#### Mission

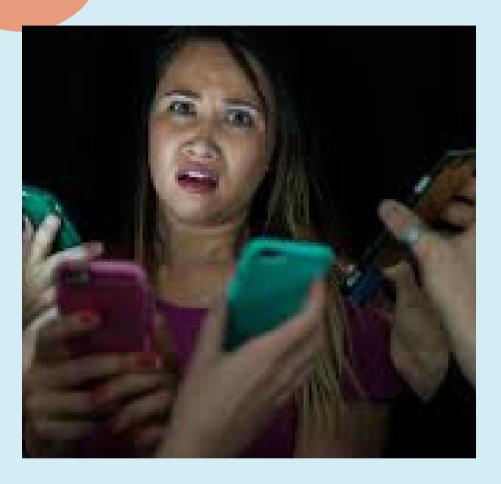
WEirD Detention's mission is to foster positive change by combining education with entertainment, bringing the skills of conflict resolution to youth thus reducing bullying and violence in our schools, and educating a new generation of young adults to practice empathy and civil discourse in the wider world.

# Vision

Our primary value is communication. We believe that people who communicate empathetically can make better personal connections and are able to build a society wherein differences are respected and conflicts are resolved through communication, not violence.

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## STARTING HERE: violence is a problem ON SOCIAL MEDIA



15.7% of students (grades 9-12) report being electronically bullied (texting and/or social media).

From Federal Government Report on Indicators of School Crime and Safety 2021

SUICIDE



The suicide rate continues to increase among the young: 35% from 2000 to 2018

From CDC Nation Center for Health Statistics



Physical and/or verbal violence reported by 22.2% of students..

CDC 2019

Tweens (6-8 grade) reported to have highest rate of bullying among 12-18 year old group.

In 2019, about 5 percent of students ages 12–18 reported that they had been afraid of attack or harm at school during the school year.

> From National Center for Educational Statistics

# VIOLENCE AFFECTS SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITIES

How many school shootings since Columbine?

That answer depends on how you sort the data:

•Any shooting on school property : 2,032

•One or more victims shot: 1,143

- •4+ wounded or killed: 59
- •4+ killed: 8
- •Active Shooter: 133
- •Pre-Planned Attacks: 97
- •Near misses: 272



(4.2024) <u>David Riedman</u> - <u>K-12 School Shooting Database</u>

Beyond the dead and wounded, children who witness the violence or cower behind locked doors to hide from it can be profoundly traumatized.

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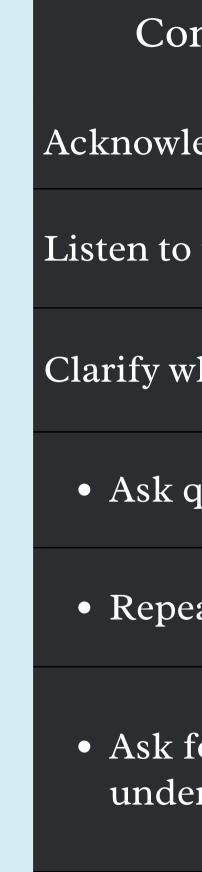
#### Presents

A Five step process to heal conflict Weird Detention envisions that the film (a musical, written and ready to produce) will be the entry point to the many the existing (and constantly developing) conflict resolution educational opportunities.

# WHAT IS conflict Resolution?

Our first preventative strategy [for school shootings] should be to make sure kids are respected, that they feel connected. That means building kids' skills around conflict resolution, stress management and empathy for their fellow classmates – skills that can help reduce all sorts of unwanted behaviors, including fighting and bullying.

Dr. Odis Johnson, Exec. Director Center for Safe and Healthy Schools Johns Hopkins University



#### **Conflict Resolution Process**

Acknowledge what other is feeling

Listen to understand

Clarify what the other wants

• Ask questions

• Repeat back what you heard

• Ask for confirmation of your understanding of what is meant



## PREPARE POSTIVE EXPECTATIONS FOR CONFLICT RESOLUTION INSTRUCTION

with an Anchor Based Learning tool and gateway into Conflict Resolution curriculum in the classroom.

# WATCH THE FILM

WEirD Detention shows how teens can escape the emotional and verbal violence of our times

Three distressed teens are trapped in their home and social situations. Through the use of conflict resolution techniques taught by a magical TRIO OF SINGING DIVAS, they begin to support one another and resolve their conflicts.

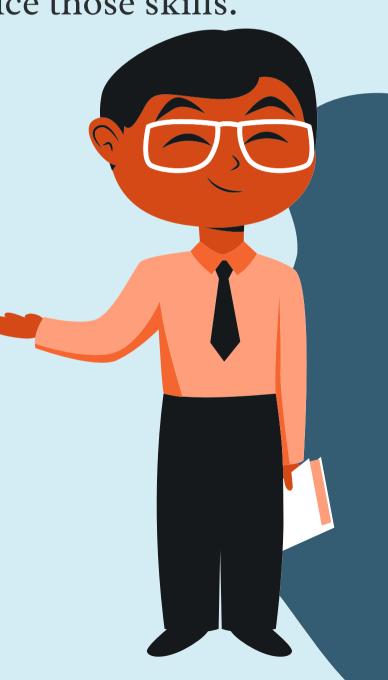
## **TEACH CONFLICT RESOLUTION TECHNIQUES**

lesson title: summary:		notes
objective: materials	modifications	

LINKS TO PROGRAMS offering proven and freely available resources for a wide range of curriculum that explore and practice those skills.

#### INCLUDING

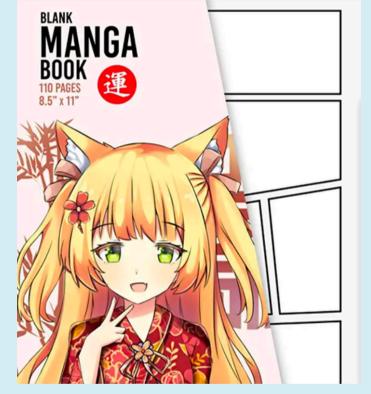
- Allwin Conflict Resolution Training
- Positive Action
- School Tools A Program Of Western Justice Center
- The Conflict Resolution **Education Connection**



## PRACTICE CONFLICT RESOLUTION TECHNIQUES

#### WTIH PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

Fun games and apps to practice building skills using the conflict resolution process.



Write /Draw Your Own Story in a Manga



APPS under development



Thumbballs to stimulate sharing Improv Games



#### SHARE CONFLICT RESOLUTION TECHNIQUES



#### **BRING CONFLICT RESOLUTION INTO YOUR COMMUNITY**

- resolution

• Sponsor screenings of film • Follow up with discussion • Encourage community action plan • Share strategies for conflict

## EXPLORE OTHER ONLINE RESOURCES for CONFLICT PREVENTION

#### CURATED COLLECTION OF LINKS TO RESOURCES & NEW CONTENT

• Books

- Comics
- Manga/Graphic novels
- Instructional videos
- New Content\* Videos
- The Weird Detention
  Soundtrack
- Conflict Resolution APP

The Weird Detention team will continue to develop ongoing digital content & activites responding to events, studies and the needs of students.



# WEirD Detention

Our solution to the scourge of violence is to teach Conflict Resolution Skills with its basis in Empathy Building and healthy, effective Communication to students ages 11-17.

Using the tenets of anchor based, social-emotional learning we have devised a musical film to entertain and introduce the ideas.

This 'gateway', hooking young people through a form they naturally gravitate to, is further supported by a list of the proven and freely available resources for a wide range of curriculum that explore and practice those skills.

Short films, interactive online games and activities will continue to support the educational purpose of the WD project.

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