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WILSON HOSTS ROSALIND WISEMAN TO FOCUS ON BULLYING

January 13, 2012: Wilson Middle School has invited Rosalind Wiseman to participate in an upcoming Character Education Program focusing on Bullying. She will visit the school on January 23, 2012. Ms Wiseman will speak to seventh grade students from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., and to sixth grade students from 11:15 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. She will conduct professional development for the staff from 2-3:30 p.m.

“We want to create a positive school environment where all our students feel safe and accepted and make their education a priority at our school,” said Maria Vamvakis, guidance counselor. “We have launched several programs to emphasize the importance of good character and the role it plays to be successful in life. Specifically, this event deals with bullying, and inspiring our students to be respectful, responsible young adults.”

Rosalind Wiseman is an internationally recognized expert on children, teens, parenting, bullying, social justice, and ethical leadership. She is the author of *Queen Bees and Wannabes: Helping Your Daughter Survive Cliques, Gossip, Boyfriends, and the New Realities of Girl World*, a fully-revised edition of her bestselling book that was the basis for the movie *Mean Girls*.

Each year, Wiseman works with students, educators, parents, counselors, coaches, and administrators to create communities based on the belief that each person has a responsibility to treat themselves and others with dignity.

Wiseman is a member of the Family Violence Prevention Fund’s Start Strong Advisory Board. National media regularly depends on Wiseman as the expert on ethical leadership, media literacy, and bullying prevention. For more information about Wiseman, visit rosalindwiseman.com.

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