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**MARION COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT ENROLLING WITH STOPit
TO EMPOWER AND PROTECT STUDENTS**

STOPit App empowers students to stand up against bullying

Marion County School District has enrolled with [STOPit](#), the leading technology platform for schools that deters and controls harmful or inappropriate conduct. STOPit empowers students with an easy app to safely and anonymously report anything of concern to school officials – from cyberbullying to threats of violence or self-harm. STOPit empowers students to stand up for themselves and others while giving our schools the insight we need to keep students safe.

With STOPit, students can submit anonymous reports containing text, photos, or video. Administrators are then able to manage incidents in a backend management system called STOPit Admin. STOPit Admin provides efficient and powerful investigative tools to our staff, including the ability to message with the reporter, which will allow us to address issues instantly.

STOPit does more than just help schools address incidents and mitigate risk. STOPit will also help us go beyond reacting to bullying and inappropriate behavior, and instead start deterring it. As young people continue to engage more with technology every day, we are taking a proactive step to empower our students to become Upstanders in our community in the way that they feel most comfortable. We believe our adoption of STOPit is an important step in our continued effort to provide a positive school climate and a safe learning environment for our students.

Our STOPit program launch is scheduled for **October 10, 2022** at the following schools: Marion High School, Mullins High School, Creek Bridge STEM Academy (middle school students only), Johnakin Middle School, Palmetto Middle School and Success Academy at Palmetto Education Center.

About STOPit:

STOPit is the leading technology company providing software and services that mitigate, deter and control inappropriate conduct. The STOPit solutions are available to schools, universities, workplaces and governments around the world. Anonymous and configurable reporting is available by mobile app, web app and phone tip line empowering individuals to protect themselves and stand up for others as well as reporting safety and crime issues. STOPit provides valuable services to administrators including monitoring their incidents, content about issues and resolutions, training and promotion services, and investigation tools to help get in front of issues and manage risks.

To learn more about STOPit, please visit www.stopitsolutions.com.