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Parent Advisory Council Imbalance of Power

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The Northbridge Special Education Parent Advisory Council is hosting a presentation on Thursday, May 9, 2013 at the Northbridge High School Media Center, Second Floor, 427 Linwood Avenue, Whitinsville, MA at 7:00 p.m.

Julie Lesure, from the District Attorney's Office, will be presenting this workshop – Imbalance of Powers – aggressive behavior on the bus, playground, and internet. This workshop will discuss the legal definitions of bullying and cyber-bullying and how the law protects a targeted child. Relevant Criminal Laws, procedures, and consequences will also be discussed, along with concrete steps to help your child and to report and work with the school. Particular emphasis will be on the difference between bullying and harassment and how the law protects a child with special needs.

There will also be tips on monitoring Facebook and other sites to ensure safe and responsible use of technology. Informational materials will also be provided.

For more information on this free parent workshop, please contact Kathy Lyons at <u>KathyL1@verizon.net</u> or at 234-6224 or visit our website at <u>www.northbridgespedpac.org</u>.