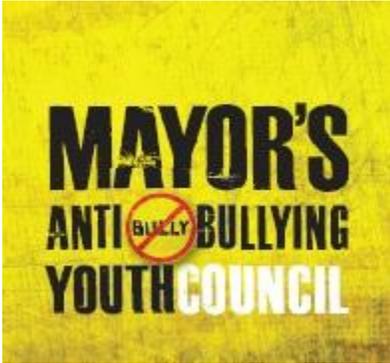


## First Meeting Set for Mayor's Anti-Bullying Youth Council



PADUCAH – The first meeting of the Mayor's Anti-Bullying Youth Council will be Monday, October 20 from 9:30 until 11 a.m. at the Murray State University Paducah Regional Campus.

The Council will assist the Mayor's Anti-Bullying Task Force in designing prevention and intervention recommendations and strategies to address bullying of school-age children in our community.

Mayor Gayle Kaler says, "As a Task Force we realized early on that we as adults cannot put a stop to bullying in the schools without the help of students. The students know about the bullying, where it happens, and how to most effectively put a stop to it." Mayor Kaler adds, "The students have the most influence with their peers, and the most to gain by putting an end to this problem."

In August, the Mayor's Anti-Bullying Task Force accepted applications from local middle and high school students. The application included a 50-word essay describing why the student wants to serve on the Mayor's Anti-Bullying Youth Council. The Task Force received 127 applications. After reviewing each application, 30 students were selected representing middle and high schools from the City and County school districts, the St. Mary School System, and homeschooled students.

At the September 16 City Commission meeting, Mayor Kaler recognized the students selected to serve on the Council. (All members are not pictured since some were not able to attend the Commission meeting due to after school activities.)

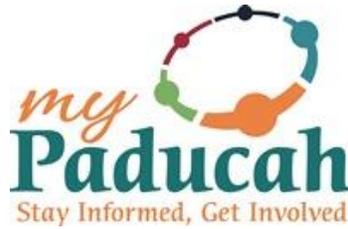


The Mayor's Anti-Bullying Youth Council is comprised of the following members (name, grade, school): Parker Belt (11, Paducah Tilghman) • Barton Christmas (10, McCracken County) • Maddie Cook (11, St Mary High) • Cassidy Courtney (9, McCracken County) • Grace Denton (8, Paducah Middle) • Joseph Gillituk (7, St. Mary Middle) • Morgan Guess (6, Lone Oak Middle) • Rosemary Halvorson (8, homeschooled) • Meg Hancock (11, Paducah Tilghman) • Kailyn Herndon (12, McCracken County) • Jack Hutcheson (6, Paducah Middle) • Evelyn Jensen (8, Reidland Middle) • Caroline Johnston (10, homeschooled) • Elizabeth Katz (12, Paducah Tilghman) • Samuel Lambert (7, Paducah Middle) • Jaise Leath (10, McCracken County) • Cassie Morse (8, Lone Oak Middle) • Emily Perry (11, McCracken County) •



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Samantha Short (6, Reidland Middle) • Brady Shreves (7, Lone Oak Middle) • Maggie Smith (6, St. Mary Middle) • Palmer Stroup (11, Paducah Tilghman) • Morgan Taylor (7, Reidland Middle) • Abbie Vanhatter (8, St. Mary Middle) • Elizabeth Via (10, Paducah Tilghman) • Mary Kate Via (8, Paducah Middle) • Bailey Vick (11, McCracken County) • Anna Wilson (11, St. Mary High) • Mason Wooton (6, Lone Oak Middle) • Eli Workman (8, Paducah Middle).

The Mayor's Anti-Bullying Task Force was created in 2013. On February 26, 2013, the Paducah Board of Commissioners adopted a joint resolution with McCracken County, the Paducah Human Rights Commission, and the Guess Anti-Bullying Foundation supporting anti-bullying foundations, initiatives, and programs within the City of Paducah and McCracken County. If you have questions about the Youth Council or the Mayor's Anti-Bullying Task Force, contact Lindsay Parish in Mayor Kaler's office at 270-444-8504 or [lparish@paducahky.gov](mailto:lparish@paducahky.gov). Additional information about the Task Force can be found at [www.paducahky.gov](http://www.paducahky.gov).

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