



SAFE SCHOOL AMBASSADORS

**Harnessing Student Power
to Stop Bullying and Violence**

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"This very practical book offers an innovative and proven approach to decreasing violence in schools through student empowerment. It is the only sane solution for ensuring security in our society."

—**Deepak Chopra**, Author, *Buddha: A Story of Enlightenment*

"I highly recommend Safe School Ambassadors to all educators. In a clear, simple, and engaging style, this book makes the case and provides a practical road map for addressing the major challenge to our students' healthy development and school success: the lack of opportunities for their meaningful participation and contribution in their lives at school. The authors demonstrate how schools can 'harness' the power of students to create a safe school environment that promotes not only learning but the social, emotional, moral, and spiritual development of young people as well."

—**Bonne Benard**, Senior Program Associate, WestEd, Oakland, CA

SAFE SCHOOL AMBASSADORS presents a unique road map for creating safer, high-performing schools. It challenges the current thinking – that keeping schools safe is accomplished primarily by heightened security and stricter policies – and advocates an emphasis on relationships and student influence toward stopping bullying and violence. The book introduces readers to seven Elements of Effective Youth Empowerment Programs, a field-tested model that has been implemented in more than six hundred schools and used to train nearly twenty-four thousand students. It equips and empowers socially influential and diverse student leaders with nonviolent communication and intervention skills.

A book about hope and the courage of young people, *Safe School Ambassadors*, provides tools for harnessing the power of youth to stand up and speak out for justice, compassion, and peace.

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