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*Keep the Peace! An Interactive Theatre Anti-bullying Program for K-12*

Big Apple Playback Theatre's program "**Keep the Peace!**" invites personal stories and enacts them on the spot, in order to:

- Educate students about bullying so that they understand clearly what it is (and how it's different from fighting);
- Provide affirmation and relief for students who have been bullied.
- Empower witnesses who want to decrease school bullying.
- Provide a vocabulary to discuss and report bullying;
- Identify specific actions that students can take.

The actions we recommend for students, chosen according to the situation, are:

- **When you see bullying, don't make it worse by joining in.**
- **Get adult help. Do so in a way that does not endanger the student who is reporting.**
- **Support the student who is being bullied.**
- **Tell the bullies to stop.**

How teachers can help students get the most out of this program:

- Use the lesson plan to prepare students for the show.
- Use the lesson plan to provide follow up after the Playback show. Students may have comments, feelings, questions, or further stories to tell.
- Be ready to take consistent action any time bullying is reported to you.
- Reinforce students' efforts to reduce bullying.