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### POLITICIANS UNITE TO FIND SOLUTIONS

**NORTH DELTA** - On February 23, 2011, *Anti-Bullying Day*, three local politicians will join together to host an Anti-Bullying Forum "Take a Stand-Lend a Hand" to be MC'd by well-known broadcaster and Delta resident, Simi Sara.

The Forum speakers will include Cindi Seddon, author and co-founder of Coquitlam's "Bully Beware" Program; Jesse Miller, a national speaker and expert on social media education who will make a presentation on cyber-bullying; and Alicia Adams, who will share her personal story on bullying. There will also be special appearances by sports celebrities.

MP Sukh Dhaliwal for Newton-North Delta, MLA Guy Gentner for Delta North and Mayor Lois E. Jackson of Delta all agree their goal is find solutions that meet the community need.

"I have always believed that local politicians can find issues to work on together for their community's great good," said Dhaliwal. "I hope by hosting these forums together, we can set an example for others that it is possible to work together."

The three hope to host a follow-up forum in April focussing on other forms of violence, such as domestic and gang violence.

Gentner held a similar forum in 2009. "The positive response from that forum gives me hope that we will be able to put something in place to benefit the community. Bullying just doesn't happen in Delta, it happens everywhere. The Delta School District has excellent programs, and we hope to enhance the School District programs with some community-based solutions. That's why it is important that we hear from parents and students alike." said Gentner.

"I am very pleased that we have come together," said Mayor Lois Jackson. "It would be wonderful if we could coalesce the different levels of government to perhaps pilot a project where we are streamlining the access to the community's resources into one place. This would be something I know we would all feel was some small step towards finding solutions."

A series of community displays will also be featured to provide parents and youth with information and resources on bullying and prevention. Doors open at 6:30 pm. All are welcome. For more information go to [www.corp.delta.bc.ca](http://www.corp.delta.bc.ca).

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