

### **Purpose Corner Video Transcript 11/15/21**

Welcome to "Purpose Corner" for the week of November 15th, 2021. Here is the announcement I made to the West student body...I will get right to the point that this announcement is a reminder for all students of what it means to be a Wolverine in how you, our student body, speak about and treat each other. I want to first state that words matter. What you say and how you say it have meaning. The expectations for all West students are that you will be thoughtful of this. It is not an option for anyone to use derogatory words or phrases that target other students for any reason. Please hear me clearly when I say that words students hear that hurt them are often heard in a passing comment or offhand remark and are subtle. Students, be exceptionally thoughtful of this dynamic and carefully think of what you say in all areas of our school building including hallways, locker rooms, and bathrooms. To put it simply, your words or actions are either constructive or destructive. If your words are not constructive, they should never come from your mouth. West High School has a student population that is diverse in culture. We must always work to be better and respect individuals for who they are as we benefit from living in a society that values individual freedom. As the leader of this building, any behavior that falls short of these expectations will be dealt with accordingly. Students, for any of you who have been the subject of hurtful words or actions, I encourage you to let our staff support you. Please reach out to a trusted adult in our building to let them know what is happening. This could be a teacher, aide, administrator, or counselor, so they can help you take action. You also have access to our Speak Up, Speak Out (SUSO) app which is on your iPad if you want to report anything and want to remain anonymous. In closing, there is no gray area when it comes to the words we use, they either build people up or tear them down. West High School must continue to be a place where we respect and encourage one another with what we say and do! Thank you and Go Wolverines... WHOOP!!!