

# Board Action Summary

An Outline of the Superintendent of Schools' Recommendation to the Board of Education

New Program: Yes  No

Modified Program: Yes  No

Subject: National Anti-bullying Week - (November 15-19, 2010)

### Abstract and Highlights:

Each year the Anti-bullying Alliance designates an anti-bullying week to send a clear and positive message that bullying in our schools is not acceptable. Anti-bullying Week 2010 will take place from November 15-19. The theme of Anti-bullying Week 2010 is "Taking Action Together".

The Department of Student Engagement and School Support has provided principals with web-based resources on the anti-bullying Google site to help them assist students, schools, and staff with observing National Anti-bullying Week 2010. Research has shown that awareness and acknowledgement of the problem, along with intervention, is the most effective way to address bullying in our schools.

Budget Implications: None

Staffing Implications: All schools and central office staff

Schools Affected: All Prince George's County Public Schools

Offices Affected: All Prince George's County Public Schools Central Offices

Preparation Date: October 25, 2010

Person Preparing: Leonard Proden/Diane Powell

Board Agenda Introduction Date (Consent Agenda): November 11, 2010

Board Action Date (Consent Agenda): November 11, 2010

Endorsed:   
Karyn T. Lynch, Chief of Student Services

Approved:   
William R. Hite, Superintendent of Schools

**PROCLAMATION**  
**NATIONAL ANTI-BULLYING WEEK**  
November 15-19, 2010

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education of Prince George's County Public Schools is committed to safeguarding its schools and communities and recognizes that bullying is a serious issue that many children experience each day; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education of Prince George's County Public Schools is committed to providing educational environments that will allow children to feel both physically and emotionally safe;

**WHEREAS**, President Barack Obama and Assistant Deputy Secretary Kevin Jennings, Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools, have publicly expressed concerns about the bullying, harassment and intimidation of students in our nations schools; and

**WHEREAS**, an estimated 160,000 children refuse to go to school each day for fear of being the victims of physical and verbal aggression from their peers, to avoid the loneliness that comes from being excluded by their peers and to escape from being made the target of rumors; and

**WHEREAS**, it is important that we acknowledge and heighten awareness about the serious negative effects of bullying, harassment and intimidation; including the long-term damage it can cause in our youth, as well as the risks of school avoidance, depression and self injury; and

**WHEREAS**, research indicates that in classrooms where both students and teachers have strong attitudes and actions against bullying and aggression, there is a significant reduction in the number of reported bullying incidents; and

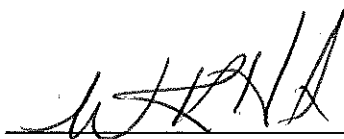
**WHEREAS**, an Anti-bullying Week with the theme, "*Taking Action Together*" will occur November 15-19, 2010.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of Prince George's County hereby proclaims November 15-19, 2010, as Anti-bullying Week in Prince George's County Public Schools as a symbol of its commitment to address bullying in our schools.

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of Prince George's County calls on the Superintendent and all school system staff and students to acknowledge November 15 -19, 2010, as National Anti-bullying Week in Prince George's County Public Schools.

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