

Bullying Prevention Month



WHEREAS, adolescent bullying is a serious issue across the United States; and

WHEREAS, national estimates indicate thirty percent of the youth in the United States are involved in bullying annually, either as a perpetrator or as a victim; and

WHEREAS, a national estimate of one hundred sixty thousand students in kindergarten through twelfth grade DAILY miss school due to a fear of being bullied; and

WHEREAS, the Albemarle County School Board adopted a Bullying and Harassment Policy December 13, 2001 (Policy JFC) which states “every student has the right to learn in an environment that is safe and free from bullying and harassment in any form;” and

WHEREAS, the Albemarle County School Board supports the local component of the Federal Safe Schools/Healthy Students Initiative, a collaboration of the U.S. Departments of Education, Health and Human Services, and Justice to address rising concerns about youth violence, substance abuse, and school safety through grants to local community partnerships throughout the country; and

WHEREAS, since joining the effort with Safe Schools/Healthy Students in 2009, every Albemarle County school has adopted policies and programs to eliminate bullying and the County has experienced significant reductions in reported cases of bullying; and

WHEREAS, bullying is exhibited in many forms, including verbal, physical, and cyber-bullying, and can happen on and off school grounds; and

WHEREAS, it is important for Virginia parents, students, teachers, and school administrators to be aware of bullying and to encourage discussion of the problem as a school community; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Albemarle County School Board recognizes the Virginia School Boards’ Association designation of January, 2012, as the VSBA Bullying Prevention Month, and urges the continuing and year round support and participation of school officials, teachers, students, parents, and community leaders for bullying prevention programs and initiatives.

Signed this 12 day of January, 2011.

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Chairman