



Cherry Hill Public Schools

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

On January 5, 2011, the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act (ABR) was signed into law. The Act was designed to strengthen the standards and procedures for preventing, reporting, investigating and responding to incidents of harassment, intimidation and bullying (HIB) of students that occur on school grounds and off school grounds under specified circumstances.

In September 2011, our school district began conscientiously to implement the requirements of the ABR, to provide ongoing training to district staff, and to develop and implement the district's policy on Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying.

- During the first two years of implementation, our school district made progress in addressing and improving harassment, intimidation and bullying as well as school climate and culture by integrating character education and HIB lessons across the curriculum.
- In the spring of 2013, all public schools in the state were required to complete a Self-Assessment to determine each school's efforts to implement the ABR. The self-assessment was conducted in collaboration with the School Safety Team in each school and reflects the school's assessment of how it met the requirements of the law. The self-assessment does not reflect the number of investigations a school has conducted or the outcome of those investigations.
- Self-assessment results identify specific areas of strength: Training on the BOE-Approved HIB Policy; Staff Instruction and Training Programs; Curriculum and Instruction on HIB and Related Information and Skills; School-level HIB Incident Reporting Procedure; HIB Reporting; and HIB Investigative Procedure.
- The Self-Assessment helped our school district/school to identify areas for improvement in the following areas: HIB Programs, Approaches and Other Initiatives.
- During the upcoming year, our school district/school will be working towards and seeking your involvement in improving our Programs, Approaches and Initiatives related to HIB.

You may direct questions regarding your school's self-assessment grade to your school's principal.

Sincerely,

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