## **West Bonner School District**

STUDENTS 3296

## **Bullying Awareness Week**

The West Bonner County School District is committed to providing a positive and productive learning and working environment. Hazing, harassment, intimidation, menacing or bullying by students, staff or third parties is strictly prohibited and will not be tolerated in the district. It is important that the students and parents have an awareness about the serious issues and the negative effects of bullying, including the long-term damage it can cause, which may include the increased risk of teenage suicide.

Therefore, the District hereby designates the second week of September of each year Bullying Awareness Week.

The Superintendent or designee shall designate certain activities for Bullying Awareness Week. The objectives for the activities for Bullying Awareness Week should include, but are not limited to:

- 1. Recognize that bullying is a serious issue that has damaging effects for our society such as the tragic school shootings which occurred April 20, 1999 in Littleton, Colorado at Columbine High School.
- 2. Recognize that bullying is not an acceptable part of how we should treat each other.
- 3. Teach students and staff the District's policy on bullying and the consequences.
- 4. Help students and staff recognize that bullying behaviors have different forms.
- 5. Celebrate/recognize those who are making a difference in addressing bullying.
- 6. Prepare for further work that needs to be done in the future.

Cross Reference: 3210 Uniform Grievance Procedure

3295 Hazing, Harassment, Intimidation, Bullying, Cyberbullying

Legal References: 20 U.S.C. § 1681, et seq. Title IX of the Educational Amendments

34 CFR Part 106

I.C. § 18-917A Student Harassment – Intimidation - Bullying

I.C. § 67-5909 Acts Prohibited

## Policy History:

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