

BATH COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

AGENDA ITEM: INFORMATION { X } ACTION { } CLOSED MEETING { }

SUBJECT: **SUPERINTENDENT’S PRESENTATIONS/REPORTS**

Bullying Prevention Month – Mrs. Hall

BACKGROUND: In an effort to promote awareness of school bullying, the month of October has been designated as VSBA Bullying Prevention Month. Childhood bullying is a significant problem nationwide. It can cause school absenteeism, mental and physical stress, poor school performance, poor self-esteem, and in some cases, school violence. Statistics show that 160,000 children in the United States miss school each day as a result of being bullied. School Board members, superintendents, teachers, and parents play a critical role in creating a climate where bullying is not tolerated. When adults and children stand together, bullying ends.

School Positive Behavior Intervention Supports (PBIS) Teams will be conducting various anti-bullying activities during Bullying Prevention Month.

- Bath County High School – The Student Government Association (SGA) will be presenting a program on bullying prevention. Students will perform and demonstrate situations of bullying.
- Valley Elementary – School counselor and teacher(s), will host three anti-bullying assemblies for students K-2, 3-5 and 6-7. Faculty will be conducting anti-bullying activities based on the presentations.
- Millboro Elementary –School counselor will lead discussions in large group counseling sessions on various bullying-related topics.
- The “Don’t Be A Bully Show”, an interactive/musical presentation, will be presented at each elementary school by a certified Olweus Trainer. (Date to be confirmed.)
- Wednesday, October 21, 2015 – National Bullying Prevention Day. PBIS groups will encourage students to wear the color orange in support of bullying prevention at all three schools and have various activities to support anti-bullying during the day.