

BATH COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

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

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

Bullying Prevention Month - Principals

BACKGROUND: **In an effort to promote awareness of school bullying, October has been designated as VSBA Bullying Prevention Month.**

Childhood bullying can cause school absenteeism, mental and physical stress, poor school performance, poor self-esteem, and in some cases, school violence. School board members, superintendents, teachers, and parents play a critical role in creating a climate where bullying is not tolerated. It has been proven when adults and children stand together, bullying ends.

Principals will report on the bullying prevention activities planned for the month of October.



CERTIFICATE of RECOGNITION

By virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution of Virginia in the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, there is hereby officially recognized:

VIRGINIA BULLYING PREVENTION MONTH

WHEREAS, bullying occurs in our neighborhoods, playgrounds, schools, and online; and

WHEREAS, each year over two million students report being bullied; and

WHEREAS, targets of bullying are more likely to acquire physical, emotional, and learning problems; and

WHEREAS, children and adults who bully are at greater risk of engaging in more serious violent behaviors; and

WHEREAS, children and adults who witness bullying often feel less secure, more fearful, and intimidated; and

WHEREAS, all Virginians must work together to increase awareness about bullying and how to prevent it; and

WHEREAS, National Bullying Prevention Month encourages parents, students, teachers, and administrators to be aware of when bullying occurs and to take timely and appropriate actions to end bullying in their classes and schools;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Terence R. McAuliffe, do hereby recognize October 2016 as **VIRGINIA BULLYING PREVENTION MONTH** in our **COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.




Governor


Secretary of the Commonwealth