

BATH COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

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

SUBJECT: SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT - ACTION

Proclamation – Bullying Prevention Month

BACKGROUND: In support of the VSBA Bullying Prevention Month a proclamation has been prepared for the Board’s consideration and adoption.

RECOMMENDATION: Adoption of the VSBA Bullying Prevention Month Proclamation.

PROCLAMATION
VSBA BULLYING PREVENTION MONTH
OCTOBER, 2016

WHEREAS, school bullying has become an increasingly significant problem in the United States and Virginia; and

WHEREAS, over twenty percent of the youth in the United States are estimated to be involved in bullying each year, either as a bully or as a victim; and

WHEREAS, an estimated one hundred sixty thousand students in kindergarten through twelfth grade miss school every day due to a fear of being bullied; and

WHEREAS, bullying can take many forms, including verbal, physical, and most recently in cyberspace, and can happen in many places 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

WHEREAS, the VSBA has developed a model policy on anti-bullying to encourage positive behaviors and to eliminate bullying behaviors;

Now, THEREFORE; Bath County Public Schools recognizes the month of October 2016 as VSBA Bullying Prevention Month, with the intention that the issue of bullying and its prevention be discussed in Bath County schools and classrooms during that time.

NOW, BE IT RESOLVED that at its meeting on the 4th day of October, 2016, the Bath County School Board recognized the month of October as VSBA Bullying Prevention Month.

Chairman, Bath County School Board