KILDEER COUNTRYSIDE
SCHOOL DISTRICT 96

Memorandum

TO: Mrs. Julie Schmidt, Superintendent of Schools
Members of the Board of Education

FROM: Heather Friziellie, Director of Educational Services

DATE: September 2, 2016

RE: Bullying Data Review

The state of Illinois has updated requirements related to school districts' responsibility for regularly reviewing the effectiveness of bullying procedures. Specifically, policy 105 ILCS 5/27-23.7(a)(11) requires that local school districts now collect data on:

- frequency of victimization,
- student, staff, and family observations of safety at a school,
- identification of areas of a school where bullying occurs, and
- types of bullying utilized.

This data is to be collected in order for districts to quantitatively monitor process effectiveness. The information developed as a result of the policy evaluation must be made available on the Internet website of the school district. Each school district is now required to complete this type of data review, including public communication of findings, every other year. This data review is to focus upon data collected during the 2015-16 school year as well as to monitor data over time.

In accordance with this requirement, data was collected based on discipline logging from the 2015-16 school year as well as some historical data to give our current information greater context:

	Number of Bullying Referrals	**Number of Actual Findings of Bullying**	**Locations of Reported Bullying**	**Types of Reported Bullying**	**Number of students on Bullying Plan**
2012-13	12	12	Data not collected	Data not collected	5
2013-14	11	9	Data not collected	Data not collected	3
2014-15	8	4	PE=1 Cafeteria =2 Classroom=2	Physical=1 Verbal=3	3
2015-16	16	10	Bus=1 Playground=2 Cafeteria=3 Hallway=2 Classroom=2	Physical=5 Verbal=6 *Note: 1 incident was both physical and verbal*	2

Additionally, 7th and 8th grade student data collected via the 2015 5Essentials survey were reviewed in order to report on students' perceptions of safety at school:

Location	Not Safe	Somewhat Safe	Mostly Safe	Very Safe
Outside around the school	1%	14%	41%	44%
Traveling between home and school	2%	11%	41%	46%
In bathrooms at school	1%	9%	36%	54%
In the hallways at school	1%	7%	37%	55%

Celebrations:

- Improved documentation of bullying incidents using consistent practices across buildings via School Insight (D96 student information management system).
- Total number of students needing the support of a Bullying Prevention Plan continues to decrease.
- 88.5 % middle school students report feeling mostly/very safe at school across the identified contexts.

Opportunities for Growth:

- Continued development of students' social emotional awareness, including standards-aligned monitoring and reporting of SEL skills in order to decrease bullying behaviors.
- Continued consistent implementation of systematic data collection related to required state elements, including examining reporters and bystander involvement/action, via School Insight discipline logging.
- Continued exploration of opportunities to help all students feel very safe across all school contexts.

As always, I am happy to field any questions you may have.