



# Memorandum

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

FROM: Amy Gluck, Director of Educational Services

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 and 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 2016-17 school year as well as to monitor data over time.

In accordance with this requirement, data was collected based on discipline logging from the 2016-17 school year. Historical data gives our current information greater context:

School Year	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  <i>Note: 1 incident was both physical and verbal</i>	2
2016-17	16	12	Cafeteria= 1 Classroom= 6 Playground= 1 Bus=2 Locker room= 1 Gym Area=1	Physical= 7 Verbal =9 Cyber=0  <i>Note: 1 incident was both physical and verbal</i>	6

Additionally, 6th, 7th and 8th grade student data collected via the 2016 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	2%	15%	41%	43%
Traveling between home and school	2%	15%	39%	45%
In bathrooms at school	1%	7%	36%	35%
In the hallways at school	1%	7%	39%	55%

#### Celebrations:

- Improved documentation of bullying incidents using consistent practices across buildings via School Insight (D96 student information management system).
- Improved understanding of circumstances that constitute bullying.
- 84% of 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.