



2013 Anti-Bullying Resolution

Supporting Inclusion of Students in Anti-Bullying Policymaking

Adopted on November 15, 2013

WHEREAS the State Board of Education affirms its commitment to strongly support the inclusion of students in the development of anti-bullying policies within school communities; and

WHEREAS RCW 28A.300.285(3) requires that district anti-bullying “policy and procedure should be adopted or amended through a process that includes representation of parents or guardians, school employees, volunteers, students, administrators, and community representatives;” and

WHEREAS, in compliance with RCW 28A.300.285, the Superintendent of Public Instruction provides a model harassment, intimidation, and bullying prevention policy and procedure on the Safety Center webpage; and

WHEREAS thousands of people have supported a student-led online petition to involve students in the anti-bullying policy-making process and to allow students to form and organize groups to advocate for students’ rights in regards to bullying in Washington state; and

WHEREAS the State Board of Education is committed to promoting effective anti-bullying policies and procedures so that every student feels physically and emotionally safe, respected, and ready to learn; and

WHEREAS student involvement in the development of anti-bullying policies can increase the effectiveness of these policies, thus promoting an educational system that personalizes education for each student and respects diverse cultures, abilities, and learning styles.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Washington State Board of Education supports the inclusion of students in the adoption or amendment of any anti-bullying policy or procedure as required by RCW 28A.300.285.