Appendices

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Appendix A

Connecticut General Statutes Sec. 10-222d. Policy on bullying behavior. Each local and regional board of education shall develop a policy, for use on and after February 1, 2003, to address the existence of bullying in its schools. Such policy shall: (1) Enable students to anonymously report acts of bullying to teachers and school administrators and require students to be notified annually of the process by which they may make such reports. (2) enable the parents or guardians of students to file written reports of suspected bullying, (3) require teachers and other school staff who witness acts of bullying or receive student reports of bullying to notify school administrators, (4) require school administrators to investigate any written reports filed pursuant to subdivision (2) of this section and to review any anonymous reports, (5) include an intervention strategy for school staff to deal with bullying, (6) provide for the inclusion of language in student codes of conduct concerning bullying. (7) require the parents or guardians of students who commit any verified acts of bullying and the parents or guardians of students against whom such acts were directed to be notified, (8) require each school to maintain a list of the number of verified acts of bullying in such school and make such list available for public inspection, and (9) direct the development of case-by-case interventions for addressing repeated incidents of bullying against a single individual or recurrently perpetrated bullying incidents by the same individual that may include both counseling and discipline. The notification required pursuant to subdivision (7) of this section shall include a description of the response of school staff to such acts and any consequences that may result from the commission of further acts of bullying. For purposes of this section, "bullying" means any overt acts by a student or a group of students directed against another student with the intent to ridicule, harass, humiliate or intimidate the other student while on school grounds, at a school-sponsored activity or on a school bus, which acts are repeated against the same student over time. Such policies may include provisions addressing bullying outside of the school setting if it has a direct and negative impact on a student's academic performance or safety in school. (P.A. 02-119, S. 1; P.A. 06-115, S. 1.)

History: P.A. 02-119 effective July 1, 2002; P.A. 06-115 added annual notification requirement in Subdiv. (1), added Subdiv. (9) re interventions, redefined "bullying" to include harassment and behavior on a school bus and added language re policies to address bullying outside of the school setting, effective July 1, 2006.

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Appendix B

BULLYING AND SCHOOL CLIMATE SURVEY

Section I: Information about you and your school.

	What is your position? (Check ONE response.) Principal Assistant principal Dean of students Other (specify):
2.	How long have you been in your current position? (Check ONE response.) ☐ Less than 1 year ☐ 1 - 3 years ☐ 4 - 10 years ☐ 11 - 15 years ☐ 16+ (specify): years
3.	What type of school is your school? (Check ONE response.) Traditional/regular education school Interdistrict magnet school Intradistrict magnet school Charter school Alternative school Vocational/technical school Special education school Other (specify):
4.	What grade level(s) does your school include? (Check ONE response.) □ Pre K - 5 □ K - 5 □ Grades 1 - 5 □ Grades 6 - 8 □ Grades 9 - 12 □ Other (specify):
5.	How many students are currently enrolled in your school? (Check ONE response.) □ 1 − 300 □ 301 − 500 □ 501 − 700 □ 701 − 1000 □ 1001 − 1300 □ 1301 − 1500 □ 1501 − 1999 □ 2000+

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		II: Information about interpreting and implementing Connecticut's anti-bullying law (CGS § 10-2220 questions are focused on your bullying policy and regulations that support implementation of the polic
	CG pol inc	HERE SS 10-222(d) requires that certain components be included in Local Education Authority (LEA) Board icies; there may be additional elements that have been added to those required. What is explicitly luded in your written bullying policy and any accompanying regulations? (Check ALL that apply.) Adult bullying behaviors Appeals Definition of bullying Definition of safe schools Disciplinary and remedial consequences Due process Education, training, or professional development for faculty, staff, and students Intervention strategies Investigation and review Policy and procedure notification to students and parents/guardians Positive standards for behavior Prevention strategies Public list of verified bullying acts Reporting, including anonymous reporting Retaliation Other: (specify):
8.		es your district provide training for implementing its bullying policy and regulations? Yes No (Skip to question #10.)
9.		YES) Who are the primary recipients of the training? (Check ALL that apply.) Central office personnel School administrators Classroom teachers Related services professionals (e.g., psychologist, guidance counselors, social workers) Non-professional support staff (e.g., cafeteria staff, custodians, student resource officers) Other (specify):

		Γ HERE (Section II continued)
10.	Wł	nere are copies of your district's bullying policy located? (Check ALL that apply.)
		School board policies and regulations manuals
		Staff/faculty handbook
		Student handbook
		Parent handbook
		Posted in classrooms, hallways, or other visible places around the school
		School districts' website
		School's website
		Other (specify):
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11.	wr	nat methods are used to disseminate your district or school bullying policy? (Check ALL that apply.) Staff/faculty handbook
		Student handbook Student handbook
		Parent handbook
		PTO/PTA meetings
		Student handouts
		Parent handouts
		Newsletters
		District Website
		School Website
		Other (specify):
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12.	Но	w are students notified about the process by which they may make anonymous reports of acts of
	bul	lying? (Check ALL that apply.)
		Student handbook
		Student handouts
		Assembly
		Classroom presentation
		During homeroom
		Other (specify):
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13.		w often are your <u>students</u> notified about the process by which they may make anonymous reports of acts pullying? (Check ONE response.)
		Annually
		Each semester
		Each quarter
		Upon arrival to the school (during student orientation)
		Other (specify):
	_	other (specify).

START HERE (Section II continued) 14. The 2006 bullying policy revisions included the following language: "Such policies may include provisions addressing bullying outside of the school setting if it has a direct and negative impact on a student's academic performance or safety in school." What locations are explicitly addressed under your district's bullying policy? (Check ALL that apply.) School grounds School-sponsored activity School bus Off-campus – Internet (cyber-bullying) Off-campus – Community (e.g., neighborhood, recreational facilities) Other (specify):
15. What challenges do you face implementing the provisions of Connecticut's anti-bullying legislation, Conn.
Gen. Stat. § 10-222d, as amended? (Check ALL that apply.)
☐ A thorough understanding of the legislation
☐ Getting parents or guardians of students to file written reports of suspected bullying
☐ Getting teachers and school staff to notify administration in a timely manner of bullying reports
☐ Inadequate training of teachers and school staff in this area
☐ Investigating anonymous reports
☐ Lack of support from the target's parent or guardian
☐ Lack of support from the verified bullies parent or guardian
☐ Limited intervention strategies
☐ Time to conduct investigations
☐ Other (specify):
Section III: Information about reports of bullying and responses to these reports.
START HERE
16. Does your school have a formally articulated process for responding to informal or anonymous student
reports of allegations of bullying? (Check ONE response.)
□ Yes
□ No
□ Not aware of one

17. Does your school have a formally articulated process for responding to <u>informal</u> or <u>anonymous family</u> <u>members</u> reports of allegations of bullying? (Check ONE response.)

☐ Yes ☐ No

□ Not aware of one

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18. W scl	T HERE (Section III continued) ho is officially responsible for receiving and investigating written reports of suspected bullying in your hool? (Check ONE response.) Principal Assistant principal Teacher Guidance counselor School social worker School psychologist Title IX coordinator School nurse Other (specify):
19 Da	bes your school have a formally articulated process for investigating allegations of bullying? (Check ONE
re:	yes No Not aware of one
20. W	hat procedures are used to investigate and determine outcome of <u>formal allegations</u> of bullying in your
	Review written report Interview person reporting the incident Interview alleged target Interview witnesses (e.g., teachers, students, bus driver) Interview alleged bully Speak with alleged bully's parent or guardian Speak with alleged target's parent or guardian Observe alleged bully Observe alleged target Other (specify):
	hat procedures are used to investigate and determine outcome of <u>anonymous</u> and <u>informal allegations</u> of
	Review written report Interview person reporting the incident Interview alleged target Interview witnesses (e.g., teachers, students, bus driver) Interview alleged bully Speak with alleged bully's parent or guardian Speak with alleged target's parent or guardian Observe alleged bully Observe alleged target Other (specify):
de	nder the state law, bullying behavior must be "repeated against the same student over time." How do you fine "repeated"? (Check ONE response.) Number of incidents

□ Duration□ Both

START HERE (Section III continued) 23. What is your definition of "over time"? (Write response.)

	Extortion Intellectual intimidation Intimidation Physical aggression Racial and ethnic harassment Relational aggression Sexual harassment Social alienation (e.g., exclusion, shunning, snubbing)
	Teasing Threatening gestures Verbal taunts (e.g., name calling, put-downs) Verbal threats Other (specify):
app	nat interventions are used in your school to address verified acts of bullying behavior? (Check ALL that bly.) Community service Conference with bully Counseling Detention Expulsion Increased supervision and monitoring of the student(s) In-school suspension Out-of-school suspension Peer mediation Restorative justice (providing a remedy for the wrong done) Warning Other (specify):
	tat interventions are used in your school for working with targeted students? (Check ALL that apply.) Counseling Increased supervision and monitoring of the student Encouragement of student to seek help when targeted Mediation/conflict resolution with an adult mediator Peer mediation Other (specify):

START HERE (Section III continued) 27. Who is notified when acts of bullying have been verified in your school? (Check ALL that apply.) Parents or guardians of bully Parents or guardians of target Superintendent or designee Teachers Guidance staff Other (specify):
Section IV: Information about bullying data collection.
START HERE 28. Do you maintain a list of the number of verified acts of bullying in your school building? ☐ Yes ☐ No (skip to question #30)
29. (IF YES) Is this list of verified acts of bullying in your school immediately available for public inspection at the time when a parent verbally requests it? ☐ Yes ☐ No
30. How many verified acts of bullying were recorded on your school list for the 2005-2006 school year? (Chec ONE response.) □ None □ 1-2 □ 3-5 □ 6-8 □ 9-11 □ 12+ (specify): verified acts of bullying
31. How many verified acts of bullying are recorded on your school list to date for the 2006-2007 school year? (Check ONE response.) None 1 - 2 3 - 5 6 - 8 9 - 11 12+ (specify): verified acts of bullying
32. Do you review your data of verified incidents of bullying in your school for trends? ☐ Yes ☐ No (skip to question #34)
33. (IF YES) How do you analyze the data? (Check ALL that apply.) ☐ Individual vs. group targets ☐ Individual vs. group bullies ☐ Location (e.g., playground, classrooms, hallways, rest rooms, cafeterias, busses) ☐ Time (e.g., before or after school, during classes, between classes, during lunch or at recess) ☐ Nature (e.g., impulsive, defiance or opposition, threat, victimization, racial) ☐ Type (e.g., physical, verbal, non-verbal, social) ☐ Other (specify):

START HERE (Section IV continued) 34. Have you administered student, parent, staff, or community surveys to assess the awareness and scope of
bullying at your school?
□ Yes
□ No (skip to question #36)
35. (IF YES) From whom did you gather data? (Check ALL that apply.) ☐ Students ☐ Classroom teachers
Related services professionals (e.g., psychologist, guidance counselors, social workers) Non-professional support staff (e.g., bus drivers, cafeteria staff)
□ School administrators □ Parents
☐ Community members ☐ Other (specify):
Section V: Information about your school climate.
START HERE
36. Have you administered student, parent, staff, or community surveys to assess the climate at your school?
☐ Yes ☐ No (skip to question #38)
1 10 (skip to question #50)
37. (IF YES) From whom did you gather data? (Check ALL that apply.)
☐ Students ☐ Classroom teachers
Related services professionals (e.g., psychologist, guidance counselors, social workers)
□ Non-professional support staff (e.g., bus drivers, cafeteria staff)
☐ School administrators
☐ Parents ☐ Community members
☐ Other (specify):
38. Do you currently have a school climate improvement plan?
☐ Yes
□ No (skip to question #40)
39. (IF YES) Is your school climate improvement plan included in your overall school improvement plan?
☐ Yes
□ No
40. Is school climate explicitly part of your school's mission statement?
□ Yes
□ No
41. Is school climate part of your district or school's bullying policy?
□ Yes
□ No

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42. H	ow would you rate your school in terms of being physically safe and providing a healthy learning
en	vironment for all students and adults? (Check ONE response.)
	Excellent
	Very good
	very poor
	ow would you rate your school in terms of being <u>emotionally/socially</u> safe and providing a healthy learning vironment for <u>all</u> students and adults? (Check ONE response.)
	Excellent
	Very good
	Good
	Poor
	Very poor
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	ow would you rate your school in terms of being <u>intellectually</u> safe and providing a healthy learning vironment for all students and adults? (Check ONE response.)
	Very poor

Section VI: Information about research-based programs.

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5. Is your school using any of the following research-based programs, identified by the federal Department of		
	ducation as "Exemplary" or "Promising"? (Check ALL that apply.)	
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	Caring School Community Program	
	CASASTART	
	Community of Caring	
	Creating Lasting Family Connections	
	Facing History and Ourselves	
	I Can Problem Solve	
	Let Each One Teach One Mentor Program	
	Life Skills Training Linking the Interests of Femilies and Teachers (LIFT)	
	Linking the Interests of Families and Teachers (LIFT) Lions-Quest Skills for Adolescence	
	Lions-Quest Working Toward Peace	
	Michigan Model for Comprehensive School Health Education	
	Open Circle Curriculum	
	Peace Builders	
	Peers Making Peace	
	Positive Action	
	SCARE Program	
	Second Step: A Violence Prevention Curriculum	
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	Social Decision Making and Problem Solving	
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46. Briefly, describe other school efforts focused on preventing and reducing bullying to support safe learning in schools.

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17.	Wh	no are the primary recipients of your anti-bullying program(s)? (Check ALL that apply.)
		Individual students
		Groups of students
		Individual classes
		Individual grade levels
		Whole school
		Classroom teachers
		School administrators
		Related services professionals (e.g., psychologist, guidance counselors, social workers)
		Non-professional support staff (e.g., bus drivers, cafeteria staff)
		Parents or guardians
		Families
		Members of surrounding community
		Other (specify):
ı Q	Wh	no is involved in delivering the program(s) in your school? (Check ALL that apply.)
		Students
		Classroom teachers
		School administrators
		Related services professionals (e.g., psychologist, guidance counselors, social workers)
	_	Non-professional support statt (e.g. bijs drivers, cateteria statt)
		Non-professional support staff (e.g., bus drivers, cafeteria staff) Parents
		Parents
		Parents Personnel from Community Service agencies (including police)
		Parents Personnel from Community Service agencies (including police) Professional consultants
		Parents Personnel from Community Service agencies (including police) Professional consultants Proprietary curriculum consultants
		Parents Personnel from Community Service agencies (including police) Professional consultants Proprietary curriculum consultants CT SDE personnel
		Parents Personnel from Community Service agencies (including police) Professional consultants Proprietary curriculum consultants CT SDE personnel Non-profit organizations (e.g., anti-deformation league)
		Parents Personnel from Community Service agencies (including police) Professional consultants Proprietary curriculum consultants CT SDE personnel

VII: Information about anti-bullying and school climate needs. START HERE 49. In the future, what would be most helpful with regard to preventing and reducing bullying and supporting safe learning in your school?		
☐ Copies of sample policies (specify):		
☐ Professional development (specify):		
☐ Curricular materials (specify):		
☐ Technical assistance (specify):		
Other (specify):		
50. How can the State Department of Education support you in terms of managing school climate and anti-bullying efforts at your school? Please be as specific as possible.		

DO NOT place your name or the name of your school on the body of this survey.

Thank you for participating!

If you complete the paper-pencil copy, please return it in the enclosed addressed envelope by July 9, 2007.

OPTIONAL	
	interested in receiving technical assistance concerning preventing and reducing bullying and safe learning in my school, if it were made available to me.
	interested in working with a select group of schools and districts to review and create model blicies and procedures.
Name:	
School/District:	
Telephone Number:	
Email Address:	

Thank you for participating!

If you have any questions about this survey, you may contact:

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