



HOLMDEL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT
DR. J. SCOTT CASCONE

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Dear Holmdel Public Schools Community,

In December 2020 the New Jersey state legislature passed legislation modifying provisions of the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act, P. L. 2002, c. 83. The provisions of the law that applies to schools went into effect on July 9, 2022.

At the July 27 public Board of Education meeting, the board adopted a revised policy codifying these modified provisions. The revised policy is linked [here](#) and can also be found on the school district's HIB informational [webpage](#).

The changes to the law and now policy fall into three basic categories: informational resources, administrative procedures, and consequences/remedial measures.

Pursuant to the policy, the HIB parental resource manual has now been posted to the district website. The policy requires the district to provide parents with an online incident report form, which has also been posted to the aforementioned web page and linked [here](#).

Different from previous years, the superintendent in the annual reporting of HIB incidents, is obliged to report all incidents reported both confirmed and unconfirmed. Relative to the consequences/remedial measures, while much of the same language remains, the new law and policy places a greater emphasis on interventions. Both provide appropriate consequences, as well as remediation and support of both victims and offenders.

Above and beyond these policy modifications, the district is placing a renewed emphasis this year on the HIB policy and positive school culture and climate. All anti-bullying specialists and administrators will be retrained on the statute and revised policy. Further, one of the district goals for the upcoming year is the research and introduction of positive behavioral support systems in all of the district schools.

Broadening and enhancing parent engagement will also be a goal for the upcoming school year through means such as the offering of a parent seminar series. One of the seminars is slated to focus specifically on the HIB statute, as well as how our parents and guardians can partner with the school district to facilitate the development and fostering of positive school culture and climate.

I invite you to visit the aforementioned webpage and familiarize yourself with the statute, policy and resources and thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Dr. J. Scott Cascone
Superintendent

