

RUSSELL COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD PROCLAMATION

Regarding Bullying

WHEREAS, school bullying has become an increasingly significant problem in the United States and Virginia; and

WHEREAS, almost thirty percent of the youth in the United States are estimated to be involved in bullying each year, either as a bully or as a victim; and

WHEREAS, an estimated one hundred sixty thousand students in kindergarten through twelfth grade miss school every day due to a fear of being bullied; and

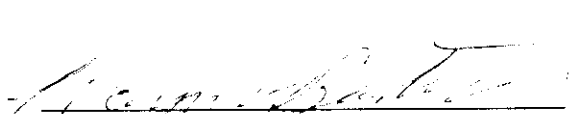
WHEREAS, bullying can take many forms, including verbal, physical, and most recently in cyberspace, and can happen in many places on and off school grounds; and

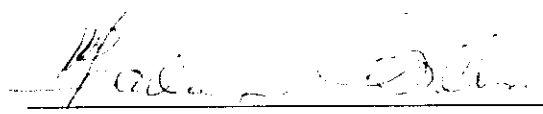
WHEREAS, it is important for Virginia parents, students, teachers, and school administrators to be aware of bullying, and to encourage discussion of the problem as a school community; and


WHEREAS, the Russell County School Board has developed a model policy on anti-bullying to encourage positive behaviors and to eliminate bullying behaviors;


Now, **THEREFORE**, the Russell County School Board recognizes the month of January 2014 as Russell County Public Schools Bullying Prevention Month, with the intention that the issue of bullying and its prevention be discussed in Virginia schools and classrooms during that time.

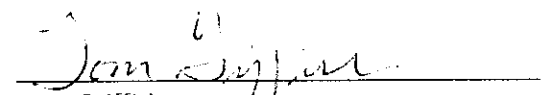
Adopted at the January 8, 2014, meeting.

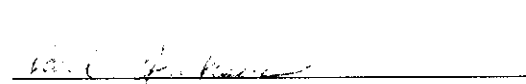

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