TO: **Members, Board of Education**
Dr. Albert Roberts, Superintendent

FROM: **Chris Jasculca**

RE: **Adoption of Aggressive Behavior, Bullying and Harassment Policy**

DATE: **July 26, 2011**

During its meeting on June 28, 2011, the District 97 Board of Education conducted a first reading of the new Aggressive Behavior, Bullying and Harassment policy that was drafted through the collective, collaborative efforts of the policy committee, Superintendent Roberts, the district's administrative discipline committee (comprised of central office administrators, principals and assistant principals) and Hodges Loizzi Eisenhammer Rodick & Kohn LLP (HLERK), the district's legal counsel. This policy will ensure that District 97 is in full compliance with Illinois School Code (105 ILCS 5/27-23.7), which states that "each school district shall create and maintain a policy on bullying." It will also support the district's efforts to provide a safe environment for its students.

Michelle Todd from HLERK attended the meeting on June 28, and responded to board questions and comments about the policy. This information is available on the recording of the open session from the meeting, which can be accessed by contacting the board secretary and requesting the opportunity to listen to it in accordance with board policy. There was also a question and answer section included in the memorandum about the first reading of the policy, which was included in the online packet for the meeting and can be accessed by visiting https://v3.boardbook.org/Public/PublicItemDownload.aspx?ik=31402513.

The final draft of the Aggressive Behavior, Bullying and Harassment policy was made available for review by the general public via the policies page (http://www.op97.k12.il.us/boe/policies.html) on the district's Web site.

The policy is being presented to the board tonight for adoption.

Attachments:

- Final draft of Aggressive Behavior, Bullying and Harassment policy