

Executive Summary

Prepared for Board of Trustees Meeting

May 11, 2010

Bully Prevention Education

Board Goal:

Vision: remain committed to providing equitable and outstanding opportunities for every student on every campus;

Climate: promote and nourish a learning and working environment which is supportive, cooperative, and ensures open communication;

Parent and Community Involvement: provide support services and promote health and wellness for students and families;

Growth & Change: create and continuously modify strategies to mitigate increasing stresses on our children, our schools and our community.

Purpose of Report : To review steps taken by the district to build a Bully Prevention and Education program that complies with the 2005 law HB 283 and subsequent Texas Education Code found in Chapter 37 and Section 37.001 and DISD Policy FFI (Local), July 2008.

Objectives

- Examine the steps taken to initiate the program;
- Review evaluative data
- Consider recommendations for continued training

Operational Impact

We are in the process of researching the cost of bringing a national trainer in to do a Bully Prevention seminar with our administrators and counselors. The expense for the two day intensive training will be approximately \$5000, and will be tailored to meet district needs.

Results

Review of the Denton ISD Bully Prevention and Education program shows that all campuses have established bully prevention committees and continue to implement their prevention & education plans. Available measures of bullying indicate that reports of bullying have decreased slightly over the past five years even though enrollment has grown during the same period. Campuses are committed to continued vigilance in this area and support plans for additional training.

Other Options :

Maintaining the status quo would be the only other option. While training could be developed in house, I believe that someone with specialized training in the area of Bully Prevention could be very valuable to us at this stage of our growth.