

School Board Meeting: August 25, 2014
Subject: Policy 514
Presenter: Moreen Martell

SUGGESTED SCHOOL BOARD ACTION:

Board action is required for the final reading of a policy.

DESCRIPTION:

On April 9, 2014, Governor Dayton signed the Safe and Supportive Minnesota Schools Act. The legislation requires local school districts to adopt a clear and enforceable bullying policy to help protect all children from bullying. In addition to protecting students, the legislation reinforces tolerance and respect in our schools through four components:

1. Locally implemented school policy
2. Definition – bullying
3. Employee training
4. Support for Schools from MDE

The school district reviewed the 2014 MN Session Laws changes in Statute 121A.031 – School Student Bullying Policy, as well as MSBA’s revised model policy and MDE’s model/default policy. Our recommendation is to adopt MSBA’s model policy with minor changes.

Language revisions are shown in red. Language that is recommended by the district is highlighted in blue.

Final Reading of a Revised Policy (Board Action Required)

The following policy is being presented to the School Board for final reading:

- **Policy #514 – BULLYING PROHIBITION POLICY**

X Mandatory Policy