

School Board of The City of Richmond



RICHMOND PUBLIC SCHOOLS PROCLAMATION

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

***WHEREAS**, almost thirty percent of the youth in 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 VSBA has developed a model policy on anti-bullying to encourage positive behaviors and to eliminate bullying behaviors; and*

***Now, therefore be it Proclaimed**, that the School Board of the City of Richmond joins the Virginia School Boards Association in recognizing the month of January 2012, as the VSBA Bullying Prevention Month, with the intention that the issue of bullying and its prevention be discussed in Virginia schools and classrooms during that time.*

Chairman

Superintendent

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