The Nutley School District

Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying

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Definition

Harassment, Intimidation And Bullying

HIB violates the law if it is:

Definition of HIB

HIB means any gesture, any written, verbal, or physical act, or any electronic communication whether it be a single incident or a series of incidents that:

- 1. Is reasonably perceived as being motivated by either any actual or perceived **characteristic**...or
- 2. By any other distinguishing characteristic; and that

Definition of HIB

- 3. Takes place on school property, at any school-sponsored function, on a school bus, or off school grounds that

 (a) substantially disrupts or interferes with the orderly operation of the school or (b) the rights of other pupils;
- 4. The act(s) will have the effect of physically or emotionally harming a pupil or damaging the pupil's property, or placing a pupil in fear of physical or emotional harm to him/herself or damage to his/her property

and that

Definition of HIB

- 5. Has the effect of insulting or demeaning any pupil or group of pupils; or
- 6. Creates a hostile educational environment for the pupil by interfering with a pupil's education or by severely or pervasively causing physical or emotional harm to the pupil.

Definition of student "characteristics" under the school bullying law:

Definition of HIB

- -Race
- -Color
- -Religion
- -Ancestry
- -National Origin
- -Gender
- -Sexual
 - Orientation

- -Gender identity
 - /expression
- -Mental, physical
 - sensory disability
 - -Or "any other
 - distinguishing
 - characteristic"

Preparation for September 2011

- Appointment of the following Anti-Bullying staff:
 - Anti-Bullying Coordinator
 - Anti-Bullying Specialists (ABS)
 - School Safety Team Members
 - ABS

- Parent
- Teachers Principal/
 - Principal/Vice Principal

Preparation for September 2011

Anti-Bullying Coordinator: Joseph Cappello

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Anti-Bullying Specialists:
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    Lincoln School: Nancy Thunell, (973)661-8502
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    Radcliffe: Nancy Thunell, -8820
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Spring Garden: Antoinette Frannicola, -8983

Washington: Kelli Cerniglia, -8888

Yantacaw: Lesslie Licameli, -8892

JHWMS: Alisa Gennace, -8875

NHS: Lisa Cassilli, -8997

Preparation for September 2011

- Attended Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Professional Development Training
- Anti-Bullying staff met prior to September 2011
 - Familiarize with policy and procedures
 - Development of forms
 - Articulation Day Presentation (HIB Training)
 - Week of Respect Activities

HIB Programs

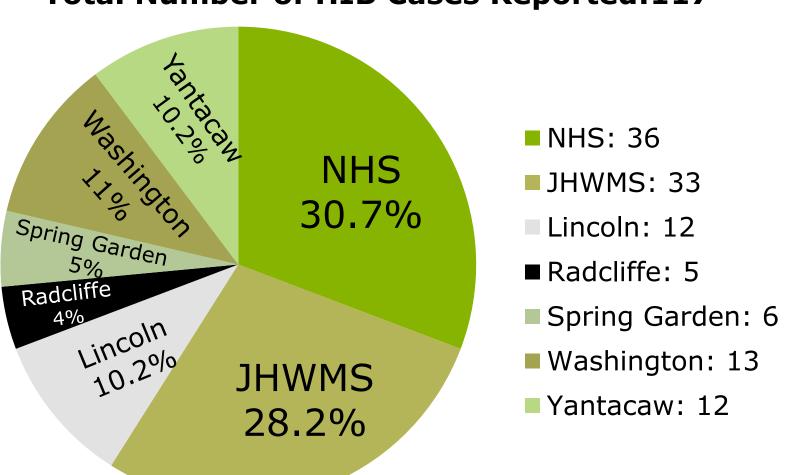
- Articulation Day: September 9, 2011
 - Six additional staff training sessions facilitated by ABC
- Week of Respect (Oct. 3-7, 2011)
- Classroom Lessons
- Monthly meetings with Anti-Bullying Specialists
- HIB Resource Page on District Website
- Making the Connection Parent Workshop

HIB Statistics September 2011-December 2011

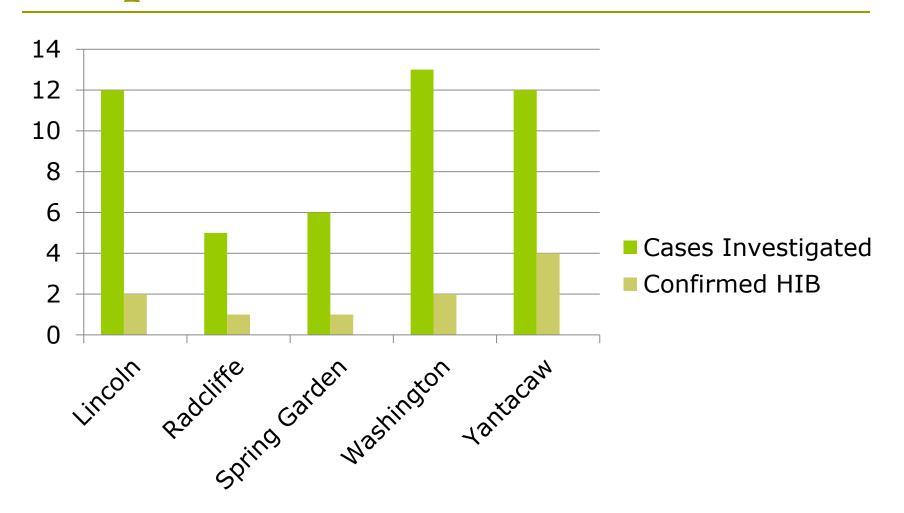
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HIB Statistics September 2011-December 2011

Total Number of HIB Cases Reported:117



Elementary Level September 2011-December 2011



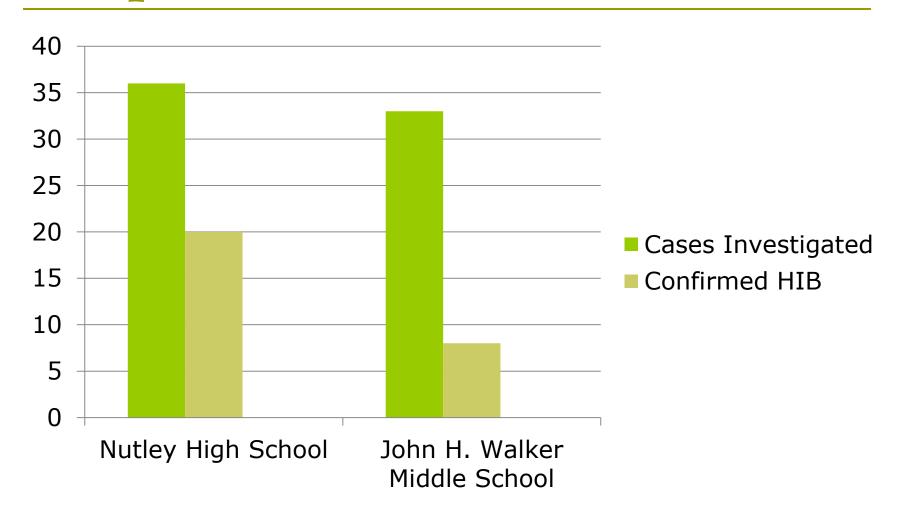
Elementary Level Protected Characteristics

Confirmed HIB cases (10) motivated by either any actual or perceived PROTECTED CHARACTERISTIC:

- Race 1
- Color 0
- Religion 0
- Ancestry 0
- National Origin 0
- Gender 0
- Sexual Orientation 1
- Gender identity/expression 0
- Mental, physical, sensory disability 1
- Other distinguishing characteristic 1

* Six confirmed cases not motivated by a protected characteristic

Secondary Level September 2011-December 2011



Secondary Level Protected Characteristics

Confirmed HIB cases (28) motivated by either any actual or perceived PROTECTED CHARACTERISTIC:

- Race 4
- Color 1
- Religion 0
- Ancestry 0
- National Origin 1
- Gender 3
- Sexual Orientation 6
- Gender identity/expression 0
- Mental, physical, sensory disability 3
- Other distinguishing characteristic 8

* Five confirmed cases not motivated by a protected characteristic

Council on Local Mandates January 27, 2012 Ruling

Allamuchy School District filed a complaint

 The law imposes an unconstitutional "unfunded mandate" on public school districts.

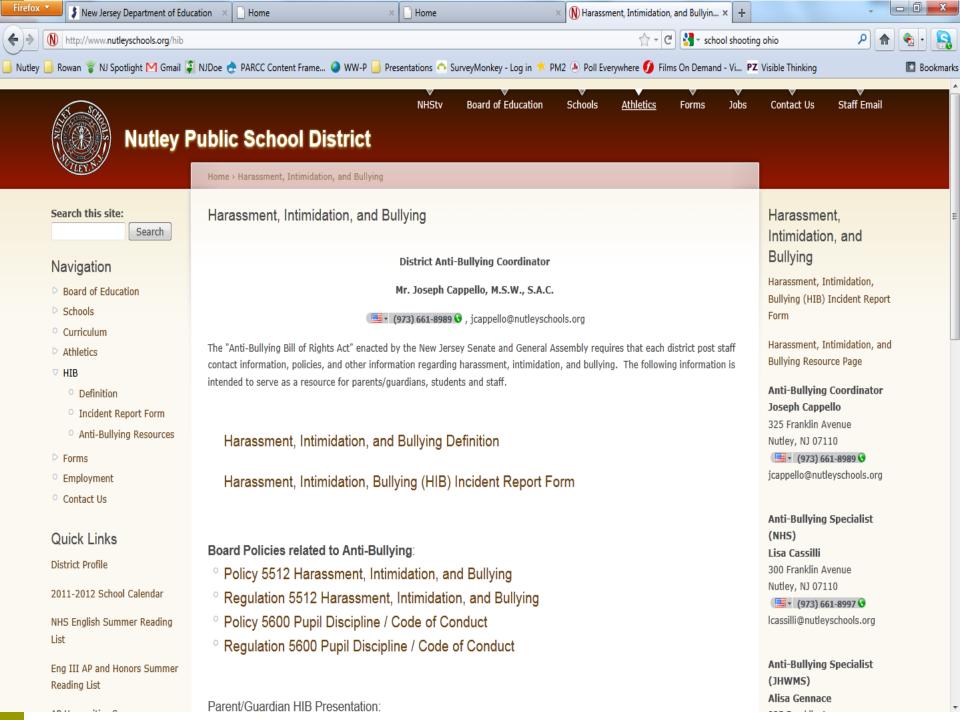
 If not state funded by the council's formal decision (possibly within 60 days), the law will expire.

Bullying Prevention Program Needs:

- Adoption of a research-based prevention program
 - Olweus Bullying Prevention Program
- Assess current structure of anti-bullying staff
 - ABS teaching schedule

Resources

Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying Resource Page



Thank You