



## *Pittsfield Public Schools*

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Dear Pittsfield School Community:

Enclosed is the Pittsfield Public Schools' Bullying Prevention and Intervention Plan. The Pittsfield Public Schools remains focused on eliminating bullying and peer harassment in our schools. This plan outlines all the steps that have been and will continue to be taken to train staff, educate students, and respond to cases of bullying. There is no room for bullying in the Pittsfield Schools and/or the City of Pittsfield, and this plan lays the groundwork for ensuring safe schools across the district.

I must commend the many individuals who have been part of preparing this plan. While we had the district advantage of applying federal funds through the Safe Schools/Healthy Students grant to launch training, deliver an anti-bullying curriculum, and pass a bullying policy prior to the passage of the new state bullying and intervention law (M.G.L. c. 71, § 37O, as added by Chapter 92 of the Acts of 2010), we have used the last few months to refine this plan and include elements required under the state statute. In doing so, I am confident we have strengthened our efforts to make our schools free from bullying.

I do encourage you to read this Bullying Prevention and Intervention Plan carefully. Pay close attention to the section on Reporting and Responding. I want to emphasize to ANY student who feels bullied or witnesses bullying that you must report this behavior immediately to school personnel. We are here to help you. Additionally, we ask that any parent of a child who is the victim of bullying do the same. Without reporting, we cannot respond, and if we do not respond, the bullying cannot be stopped. Thus, we all have to be partners in helping to create schools that are academically, emotionally, and physically safe so that we can stay focused on supporting the positive growth and progress of each child under our care.

If you have any questions about this policy or any aspect of bullying, please do not hesitate to contact my office at 413-499-9512 or email the bullying hotline at [bullying@pittsfield.net](mailto:bullying@pittsfield.net).

Sincerely,

*The mission of the Pittsfield Public Schools is to serve our community and its children by creating an environment where lifelong learning is valued, excellence is expected, and improvement is continuous*

