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Elyse and Courtney Pollack
The children and parents who shared their experiences

In memory of Seth Walsh and all other victims of bullying



The State of Connecticut
Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities



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2011 Anti-Bullying Leadership Conference

August 10, 2011

State Capitol
Old Judiciary Room
10:00 AM – 2:00 PM



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Public Act 11- 232

Introduced as Senate Bill 1138, the Anti-Bullying Bill was signed into law by Governor Malloy on July 13, 2011.

The Anti-Bullying Bill identifies **bullying** as “(A) the repeated use by one or more students of a written, oral or electronic communication, such as cyberbullying, directed at or referring to another student attending school in the same school district, or (B) a physical act or gesture by one or more students repeatedly directed at another student attending school in the same school district, that: (i) Causes physical or emotional harm to such student or damage to such student's property, (ii) places such student in reasonable fear of harm to himself or herself, or of damage to his or her property, (iii) creates a hostile environment at school for such student, (iv) infringes on the rights of such student at school, or (v) substantially disrupts the education process or the orderly operation of a school. Bullying shall include, but not be limited to, a written, oral or electronic communication or physical act or gesture based on any actual or perceived differentiating characteristic, such as **race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, socioeconomic status, academic status, physical appearance, or mental, physical, developmental or sensory disability, or by association** with an individual or group who has or is perceived to have one or more of such characteristics”

CHRO

The mission of the Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (CHRO) is to eliminate discrimination through civil and human rights law enforcement and to establish equal opportunity and justice for all persons within the state through advocacy and education. The Commission enforces human rights laws banning illegal discrimination in **employment, housing, public accommodations** and **credit transactions**; monitors compliance with state contract compliance laws and laws requiring affirmative action in state agency personnel practices; and establishes **equal opportunity and justice** for all persons in Connecticut through education and outreach activities.

Introduction of the CHRO

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Opening Remarks

State Senator Len Suzio, Senator for the 13th District, Ranking Member of the Select Committee on Children, Member of the Education Committee

Video – “Seth Walsh”

**“Bullying in Our Schools”
YES! Delegates**

“Developing a Positive School Culture in CT”

Lisa Tregoning, Program Manager, The Governor’s Prevention Partnership

“Bullying from a Parent’s Perspective”

“Connecticut’s Anti-Bullying Law – In Plain Language”

Dr. William Howe, Education Consultant for Civil Rights and Bullying, Gender Equity, and Multicultural Education, Connecticut State Department of Education

Refreshments

Video - “Words Do Hurt”

“Bullying from a Parent’s Perspective”

“Bullying and School Climate”

Dr. Jo Ann Freiberg, Education Consultant, School Climate, Bullying and Character Education, Bureau of Accountability and Improvement, State Department of Education

“Bullying in Our Schools”

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CHRO Reporting Procedures

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Q&A

Closing Remarks