



Superintendent's Report

To: Board Members

From: Leah M. Christman

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- A quick reminder that the Joseph P. Liberati Intermediate School dedication is scheduled for Friday, November 2. Diana Millman will be sending out details.
- October is Bullying Prevention Awareness month. Mr. McGinty, SLIS Assistant Principals is in the process of heading a task force for the district to address concerns related to bullying. The committee will begin with counselor and psychologists involvement, but will be expanded to include additional stakeholder representatives. The task force initial goals include:
 1. Identify at each school what we are already doing.
 2. Develop student, staff, and parent surveys and collect bullying related data.
 3. Gather outside resources available with the intent of creating a web page dedicated to educating our parents on the issue of bullying.
 4. Develop a plan to include parent representatives on the committee as well as other building staff who understand the issues and behaviors associated with bullying.
 5. Develop a program for a parent information night, one K-6 and one 7-12 to keep parents informed and educated about bullying and what SLSD is doing to address the issue.

Our District Policy addresses Bullying and Cyber bullying. It is posted in every classroom as a reminder of the importance of this topic to all students and staff.

<http://www.slsd.org/files/filesystem/249%20Bullying%20Cyberbullying1.pdf>

A short summary of our current actions includes information on bullying prevention, intervention, and education programs. These include items such as:

- Addressing bullying through our Health curriculum K – 12;
- Addressing bullying through our School Wide Behavior plans K – 12;
- Classroom teachers address cyber bullying in grade K;
- Addressing cyber bullying in Tech Smarts course in grades 1 - 3;
- Addressing cyber bullying in DESIGN 21 course in grades 4 - 8;
- Establishing school-wide rules and applying consistent sanctions against bullying;
- Making use of videos, books and other resources on bullying; and educating parents

Mr. McGinty will supply me with regular updates, which I will share with the Board regarding the task force work.